

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION SYSTEM AS A SWISS ARMY KNIFE FOR MANAGING AND INTEGRATING THEIR UNIVERSITIES

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The University information system that has been developed at this university 8 years ago and whose individual parts we have the pleasure to introduce every year at this conference is currently being implemented at the fourth university in central Europe. Further four universities are being acquainted with it and considering its implementation.

What is the main inducement for other universities, which are mostly bigger than the original university, to implement our solution as the major information system to manage their study and science and research administrations? How do these universities employ our information system to integrate their faculties into the unified legal environment and to ensure transparency of their decision-making processes? Where are the borders of variability and customization of the described solution which the university management often employs as a tool to gradually transform the university into an efficient educational and scientific institution?

Answers to these and many other questions may be found in this article which can also be regarded as a case study of the given solutions. Every university applies different legislation (some universities are foreign which brings differences in national legislation, national standards and national central data registers). Further more, during implementation and using of the information system the legislation changes transforming the originally isolated faculties into an efficient centralized institution focused on its primary goal.

In order to achieve such a high level of parameters and adaptation with this solution, it was vital to approve not only of many measures of analytical and programming nature, but also of such in the field of documentation, customer support, management and marketing of the whole solution.

In this paper I will demonstrate a successful case study concerning integration of the information system at four universities into their daily running. The paper will also be guidance for those universities which consider taking such action.