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TO ALL MARITIME INDUSTRY STAKEHOLDERS

Dear Sir or Madame,

For over a month we have all been witnessing tragic events unfolding in Ukraine. The war triggered by Russia has been affecting more and more people who lose their relatives, homes and jobs. In the wake of the war their financial standing has also deteriorated dramatically.

Unsurprisingly, students from Ukraine studying at our university have also been greatly affected by this situation. There are a total of one hundred and eighty-seven of them in our university. Eighteen of them are still underage.

The university have been taking steps to provide them with any help they need. Since the beginning of war, the university staff and citizens of Szczecin have provided our Ukrainian students with more than 2000 free lunches in our university canteen. Furthermore, it has become our priority to enable all students from Ukraine to complete their studies even if some of them got stranded in Ukraine due to military operations or army conscription – our support measures comprise granting them long-term leaves of absence, accommodation fee waivers, retake opportunities. Additionally, special allowances from university financial aid scheme are paid on an ongoing basis, but these funds are limited and unfortunately insufficient to meet all needs.

Therefore, Maritime University of Szczecin has established a special fund called "Solidarity with Ukraine", from which additional allowances are to be paid for students from Ukraine in the amount of up to PLN 2,000 (approx. EUR 420) per year and in special cases up to PLN 4,000 (approx. EUR 840) per year. The money will be paid to war-affected students who find themselves in a difficult financial situation, having lost their family property, sources of income, or, at worst, lost their family members.

We would like to ensure you that the university does not charge any fees for running the fund and all the money collected will be transferred directly to Ukrainian students studying at our university. The allowances paid are also exempt from national income tax.



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Currently, there are about 2 million refugees from Ukraine in Poland. The Poles, Polish companies and NGO's have already taken it upon themselves to bear the costs of helping them. For this reason we decided to address other HEIs and maritime industry companies from outside Poland with a plea to support our Solidarity fund. Aware of economic hardships affecting many businesses in the world at the moment, we are nonetheless hoping to experience your generosity because even the smallest donation will make all the difference here.

The "Solidarity with Ukraine" fund may be supported through donations made to the following bank account:

- Account owner / recipient: Akademia Morska w Szczecinie (Maritime University of Szczecin)
- Address - first line: ul. Wały Chrobrego 1-2
- Address - second line: 70-500 Szczecin, Polska (Poland)
- Name of the bank: Bank Pekao SA VII O/Szczecin
- Bank account number: 91 1240 6292 1111 0011 1247 3919
- IBAN: PL 91 1240 6292 1111 0011 1247 3919
- SWIFT: PKOPPLPW
- Transfer reference: Solidarity with Ukraine

Our goal is to collect a minimum of PLN 200,000 (about EUR 42,000) by September 30, 2022. This amount would be sufficient to provide all our students from Ukraine in need of support with an allowance in 2022.

Information about the fund is also available on the university's website dedicated to international students: <https://marine-edu.com/en/aktualnosci-en/541-solidarity-with-ukraine-fund> On this page and additionally in our social media channels, we will provide information about our donors and the amount of money raised. This information will be updated once a week.

Each entity making a contribution to the fund will receive also a special thank-you letter as a token of our gratitude.

For any questions related to fund, the contact person at the university is Mr. Remigiusz Wałejko - phone: +48 91 48 09 322, e-mail: r.walejko@am.szczecin.pl.

Faithfully yours,


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