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# Research and Teaching Centre in Hradec Králové

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“Charles University Campus in Hradec Králové – Joint Project of the Charles University Faculty of Medicine and the Charles University Faculty of Pharmacy in Hradec Králové”.

The long-term objective of both the Faculty of Medicine (FM) and of the Faculty of Pharmacy (FP) has been to interconnect the workplaces of both faculties – i.e. their organizational structures and premises – at a single site, while also ensuring close links with the Faculty Hospital (FH) in Hradec Králové. The management teams of the two faculties decided to implement a phased relocation of their operations to a shared site, thus helping to strengthen the links between the faculties and other workplaces at the FH. The Faculty of Medicine in Hradec Králové and the Faculty of Pharmacy are the only faculties in the Czech Republic that train doctors and pharmacists for careers in the military. Teaching of future military medical staff is provided in collaboration with the Faculty of Military Health Sciences of University of Defence. The location is in Nový Hradec Králové, Zborovská Street.

The aim of the project is to develop the Research and Teaching Centre of the Charles University Faculties of Medicine and Pharmacy (including modern equipment, teaching areas and administrative and technical facilities) as a top-class teaching provider and a research centre contributing to the long-term development of a broad range of theoretical and pre-clinical medical and pharmaceutical fields (including a doctoral studies centre) and with close links to the Faculty Hospital in Hradec Králové and the Faculty of Military Health Sciences at the University of Defence.

The aim of the campus project is to construct premises to which all the theoretical institutes of the Faculty of Medicine and selected workplaces of the Faculty of Pharmacy can be relocated, as well as installing all necessary research and teaching facilities at the site. The project involves the construction of basic and applied research laboratories; the shared teaching and research facilities will include essential infrastructure for cooperation with businesses and R&D centres in the region. The new facilities will provide strong support for the development of undergraduate and doctoral degree programmes, offering a unique opportunity to integrate the teaching of medical and pharmaceutical subjects. Both faculties will be able to attract highly qualified specialists from all medical and pharmaceutical fields, as well as becoming more deeply involved in the European research area.



Detailed view of the ongoing development

The newly developed facilities will cover an area of 22,000 m<sup>2</sup>.

MEPHARED 1: The construction of the first building of the planned campus was launched on 23 October 2012 and authorised for use on September 2015. The increase in the total usable area of both faculties was by 6,832 m<sup>2</sup>.

The project was co-funded by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), which is providing 85 per cent of the total funding.

The focus of the project was the construction of one building designed to accommodate the teaching and research activities of four institutes and departments of Charles University's Faculty of Medicine and Faculty of Pharmacy in Hradec Králové; the project is targeted at the institutes and departments which are most seriously affected by the current unsustainable situation. The teaching facilities in the new building are used by all students from both faculties (currently

3,663 students in total). The Faculty of Medicine is use the premises for its Institute of Medical Biology and Genetics; the Faculty of Pharmacy will use the building for its Department of Social and Clinical Pharmacy and its Department of Biological and Medical Sciences.

MEPHARED 2: This project is a continuation of the successfully completed MEPHARED 1 project and is primarily focused on completion of the university campus. The proposed project will provide a total of 18,550 m<sup>2</sup> of teaching and research space in one location.

The key roles of the University's Teaching and Research Centre in Hradec Králové will be:

- to improve conditions for studying and working at both faculties,
- to support the development of research,
- to support inter-disciplinary activities (teaching programmes, research programmes),
- to support the development of PhD and Master's degree programmes,
- to facilitate an increase in the number of international students and to support student exchange programmes,
- to support international study stays,
- to create facilities for lifelong learning.