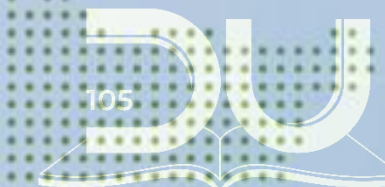




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International Credit Mobility: Experience sharing

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INTRODUCTION

- **KA171** action since **2017**
- Albania, Indonesia, Jamaica, Kenya, Lesotho, Philippines, South Africa, Ukraine
- Study mobility, academic staff mobility and administrative staff mobility



AIMS

- Unique chance for both students and staff to get an unforgettable experience abroad
- Improve skills
- Strengthen current international cooperation
- Promote European values: *EU culture, diversity, politics and history*



WHY ARE ICM PROJECTS IMPORTANT FOR DAUGAVPILS UNIVERSITY?

- Strengthened institutional capacity in the area of internationalisation
- Part of internationalisation strategy
- New international partnerships = New opportunities
- It is important for DU to properly develop a strategy for admitting students from KA171 countries
- In Call 2026, new countries were included in the proposal: Colombia and Malaysia



IMPACT ON STUDY PROGRAMMES

- **Joint teaching materials** are being developed in similar study programmes of DU and partner institutions
- Insight into **innovative approaches** to the study process in DU
- All interested DU students from other degree programmes are invited to attend **guest lectures** by visiting academics from KA171 countries
- Research has been conducted in related fields, as a result **joint scientific publications** are developed



Associate Professor of Batumi Shota Rustaveli State University in Daugavpils University!

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Daugavpils University this week is hosting a representative from Batumi Shota Rustaveli State University (Georgia) in the framework of Erasmus+ programme. For several years Daugavpils University has been successfully cooperating with this University. This time it was a pleasure to host Natia Katamadze – Associate Professor from Department of English Language and Literature.

During the visit, the future cooperation with Daugavpils University was discussed, and Natia Katamadze exchanged experience in the organisation of the study process and the use of effective teaching methods.

During this visit, the Associate Professor gave lectures to the students of Daugavpils University, studying in the academic bachelor programme “Language and Culture Studies”.

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ERASMUS

Daugavpils Universitātē no 4. līdz 6. oktobrim Erasmus+ programmas ietvaros viesojas 2 pārstāvji no Nacionālās Taičungas Izglītības Universitātes (Taivāna), ar kuru Daugavpils Universitātei pastāv sadarbība jau vairākus gadus: Profesors Ming-jen Chuang (Mūzikas departaments), kas ir arī Daugavpils Universitātes Goda doktors, un docents Ching-Yao Kao (Valodu un lasītprasmes izglītības departaments).



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Notiks Dr. Sergeja Kravcova (Sergey R. Kravtsov) lekcija

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27. aprīlī (ceturtdiena), **plkst. 17:30, Vienības 13, 312. aud. Erasmus+ projekta** ietvaros notiks

Ebreju Universitātes Jeruzalemē Ebreju mākslas centra pētnieka

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SINAGOGA PEITAV-ŠUL RĪGĀ EBREJU NACIONĀLĀ ROMANTISMA KONTEKSTĀ

(Synagogue Peitav-Šul in Riga in the context of Jewish national romantics).



Ebreju Universitāte Jeruzalemē (Hebrew University in Jerusalem) ir DU Humanitārās fakultātes sadarbības partneri. Šī gada martā Rusistikas un slāvistikas katedras docētāji piedalījās Erasmus + mobilitātē Izraēlā.



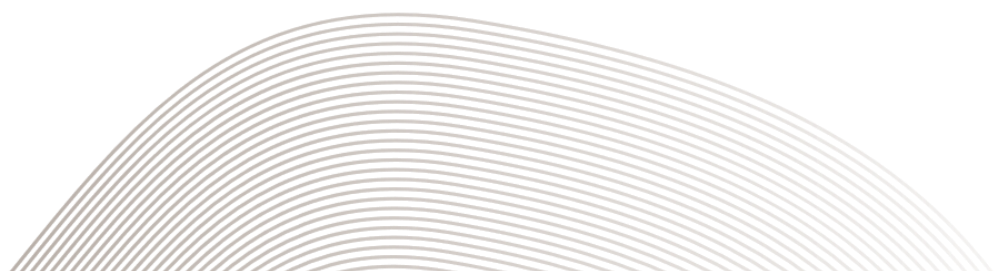
IMPACT ON STUDENTS

- **SENDING INSTITUTION:** *National University of Lesotho, Lesotho*
- **RECEIVING INSTITUTION:** *Daugavpils University*
- **FIELD OF STUDY:** *Master level: Biology and Environmental planning*



IMPACT ON STUDENTS

- “The reasons why I participated in Erasmus + Study Mobility include these among others: **Academic gains and experience outside my own country** and in another University in the other part of the world; **to get to interact with other students from other countries** with different cultural diversities and norms. Another reason was to gain external exposure in academic and life areas in order to bring positives to my community and country back home.
- **I gained a lot academically in courses** such as practical research in biodiversity, ecosystems and population ecology, project elaboration and management, bioindication and environmental monitoring, mycology and conservation of species and habitats. **I also participated and presented in different conferences** and challenges from which I was awarded three certificates. I personally learned **how to be disciplined both personally and financially**. I also gained on **how to interact with other people of different cultural areas**.
- **My sincere gratitude to Erasmus + for supporting students irrespective of their age, gender, skin colour and place of origin.”**





IMPACT ON STUDENTS

- **SENDING INSTITUTION:** *Dev Sanskriti Vishwavidyalaya University, India*
- **RECEIVING INSTITUTION:** *Daugavpils University*
- **FIELD OF STUDY:** *Humanities (Language and Culture Studies)*



IMPACT ON STUDENTS

- “These past five months have been an incredible journey where every interaction taught me something valuable. **The Erasmus staff and Daugavpils University helped me learn how to manage my time effectively**, a skill I'll carry back home.
- **The project management course taught me how to start and complete projects effectively.** I also achieved my dream of **learning a foreign language by studying Latvian.** Participating in intercultural communication sessions **expanded my knowledge of different cultures.** In the Non-formal Education class, I read many projects, took part in activities. It gave me **practical knowledge and skills in non-formal education.** My **communication skills improved**, boosting my confidence.
- The beautiful snowfall, small population, and everyone being punctual have also made a strong impact.
- **I also want to express my heartfelt gratitude to the Erasmus staff for their guidance and always being there to support me.”**





IMPACT ON ACADEMIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

- **SENDING INSTITUTION:** *Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel*
- **RECEIVING INSTITUTION:** *Daugavpils University*
- **FIELD OF STUDY:** *Humanities (Eastern and Central European Jews)*



IMPACT ON ACADEMIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

- Participating in Erasmus+ teaching mobility was very important for me since it allowed me direct contact with the area in which I am studying. Daugavpils was a significant center of east-European Jewish life before the Holocaust, many monuments of Jewish material culture – former and active synagogues, Jewish houses, Jewish cemeteries, Holocaust memorials – are situated in the city and its vicinity.
- Thus, Erasmus+ teaching mobility facilitated my acquaintance with the Jewish material culture of the Latgale region of Latvia.
- Sharing knowledge with local colleagues and learning from them about their research and teaching activities broadened my horizons and influenced my own research and teaching.
- “Lecturing in front of students from a different academic culture was a challenge that contributed significantly to my ability to transfer knowledge and methodology to the young generation.”



IMPACT ON ACADEMIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

- **SENDING INSTITUTION:** *Daugavpils University*
- **RECEIVING INSTITUTION:** *Mehrabyan Medical College in Yerevan, Armenia*
- **STAFF TRAINING MOBILITY:** *DU Management delegation*



IMPACT ON ACADEMIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

- “Active cooperation with Armenia became particularly relevant when DU integrated the College of Medicine and nursing programs, and thus this was also the main goal of the exchange—to meet at the senior management level to agree on potential areas of cooperation, to foster interest among Armenian colleagues and students in Latvia, DU, higher education in Europe, and the opportunities offered by the Erasmus+ program.
- The DU Management delegation not only familiarized itself with Mehrabyan Medical College in Yerevan, its structure, and get familiarized with internal management processes in other country.
- An interesting and very useful meeting was held with co-owner of a natural cosmetics company. At the initiative of our Armenian partners, a visit to the production facility was organized, where we discussed potential collaboration at Daugavpils University for conducting research in Daugavpils laboratories, taking into account the modern equipment available to us.”



INSTITUTIONAL & REGIONAL IMPACT

- The organisation of **information sessions** involving graduates
- **Digital, pedagogical and management skills** enable the implementation of innovative approaches in the areas of teaching, research, and institutional management
- Contribution to the **local, regional and national economy**
- Student council **activities and events** in collaboration with city and regional municipalities



FURTHER COOPERATION

- **The University of Mindanao (The Philippines)** collaborates with DU researchers to describe new species of beetles
- Joint project submission in **Capacity Building in Higher Education (Call 2026)** with **Eqrem Cabej University of Gjirokastra (Albania)**



KEY BENEFITS FOR THE INSTITUTION, STUDENTS AND STAFF

- **Unique experience**
- Improving **skills** in a certain field of study or work
- Strengthening international **cooperation** at institutional level
- Promoting of **European values: *EU culture, diversity, politics and history***
- **Improved study courses** at both DU and partner universities
- Practical **know-how** exchanged among administrative staff



MAIN CHALLENGES

- **One word: VISA**
- **Lessons learned:** DU Erasmus+ coordinator contacts the Embassy in advance before appointment and helps in each stage of visa application
- **Lessons learned:** DU Erasmus+ coordinator should review the visa application form
- **Differences in culture and sense of time:** DU once received an e-mail from a KA171 partner after 1 year with the following text: *“I am so sorry for delay and hope we can continue cooperation!”*
- **Lesson learned:** to be more flexible and patient



DU INTERNATIONAL STAFF WEEK: EVERY YEAR IN MAY



DU veiksmīgi noslēgusies Erasmus+ starptautiskā nedēļa ārvalstu personālam

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