

# Newsletter 4

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## Welcome to the fourth newsletter for the ROAMING project!

This edition brings you insights into the **ICM (International Credit Mobility)** week, held for the second consecutive year with consortium members hosting a variety of events to support and enhance international academic mobility.



### Introduction

ICM Week is a key feature of the ROAMING project, aiming to strengthen collaboration between partner institutions by fostering an exchange of knowledge, experiences, and cultural values among staff, faculty, and students. This year's activities underscored our commitment to offering transformative opportunities for both students and educators.

Throughout this week, partners across the consortium hosted events, trainings, and workshops tailored to highlight the benefits of international credit mobility and share best practices for navigating global academic exchanges. In this newsletter, we cover each partner's unique contribution to ICM Week, with more details and photos from their events to be added soon.

# ICM Week Overview

**International Credit Mobility (ICM)** Week, held from October 14–19, 2024, brought together ROAMING project partners to celebrate the benefits of academic mobility through a series of events and activities across different institutions. This week-long program highlighted the value of cross-border learning, collaborative networks, and international exchange among students, faculty, and staff.

For the second consecutive year, ICM Week aligned with Erasmus Days, enhancing visibility for the Erasmus+ program and offering participants a range of sessions focused on mobility opportunities, application guidance, cultural exchange, and hands-on training. Each partner institution hosted unique events tailored to their academic communities, fostering deeper engagement and collaboration across the consortium.

## Key ICM Week Themes



Each day of ICM Week showcased the unique strengths and initiatives of our partner institutions. From info sessions and application support workshops to interactive discussions and networking events, ICM Week encouraged a spirit of collaboration and reinforced the collective commitment to fostering accessible, transformative mobility opportunities for all.

# Key ICM Week Themes



## Empowering Mobility

Presentations and workshops provided practical guidance on Erasmus+ applications, scholarship options, and navigating the mobility process, empowering participants with the tools to pursue educational exchanges confidently.

Joint events and partner collaborations created opportunities for faculty and students to connect, share experiences, and expand professional networks, strengthening ties across the consortium.



## Networking and Collaboration



## Support for Academic Staff and Students

A focus on supporting both students and academic staff highlighted the full spectrum of Erasmus+ benefits, from individual scholarships to institutional funding opportunities.

Events emphasized intercultural understanding, helping participants gain new perspectives and develop skills essential for success in an increasingly globalized academic landscape.

## Cultural Exchange and Awareness





## Erasmus Days: Joint Events Overview

In honor of **Erasmus Days**, LOGOS University College led a series of three-day events featuring participation and presentations from all consortium members. These events engaged *faculty, students, and administrative staff*, highlighting the importance of international mobility in higher education. Below is an overview of the joint events held over three days.



**Day 1, Oct 14**

**Day 2, Oct 15**

**Day 3, Oct 16**

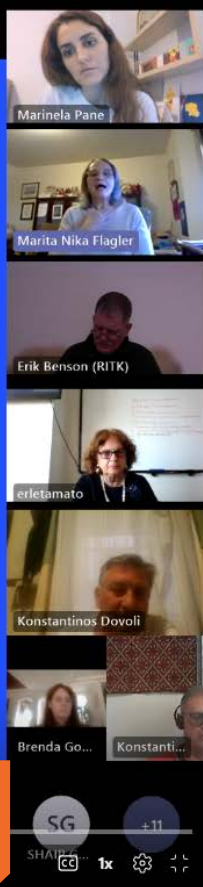
# Underprivileged/marginalized groups

- People from low-income households
- Students, faculty and staff from minority race, linguistic and/ or ethnic groups
- First generation students
- People with disabilities

People who are care providers  
LGBTQ students, faculty and staff  
Adult, nontraditional students  
Students, faculty and staff with religious beliefs  
Refugees

A very important element to consider is intersectionality.

Monday, October 14



## Academic Staff Members Joint Event

### Mobility Procedures for Academic Staff

The session included presentations from K. Giakoumis, F. Krasniqi, K. Dovolis, and Semrah Bujari. They covered essential topics such as the project overview, network extension strategies for academic staff before and after mobility, and detailed procedures for outgoing academic staff in teaching or training mobility. Semrah Bujari discussed how to fill the Academic Staff Mobility for Teaching or Training Agreement.

### Special Presentation



Prof. Emerit. Marita Nika Flagler delivered a presentation titled *Importance of Internationalization of Higher Education for Underprivileged Groups - An Insider's View*. This presentation explored the impact of internationalization on disadvantaged groups, highlighting both opportunities and challenges in implementation.





## Students Joint Event

### Mobility Procedures for Students

Presenters M. Orana, K. Dovolis, and Stolije Hoxha led the discussions. They addressed topics including the project overview, network extension strategies for students, and an overview of the Erasmus Student Network. Additionally, the session covered the International Credit/Internship Mobility Cycle, as well as the processes for filling out Student Learning Mobility Agreements and Training/Internship Mobility Agreements.



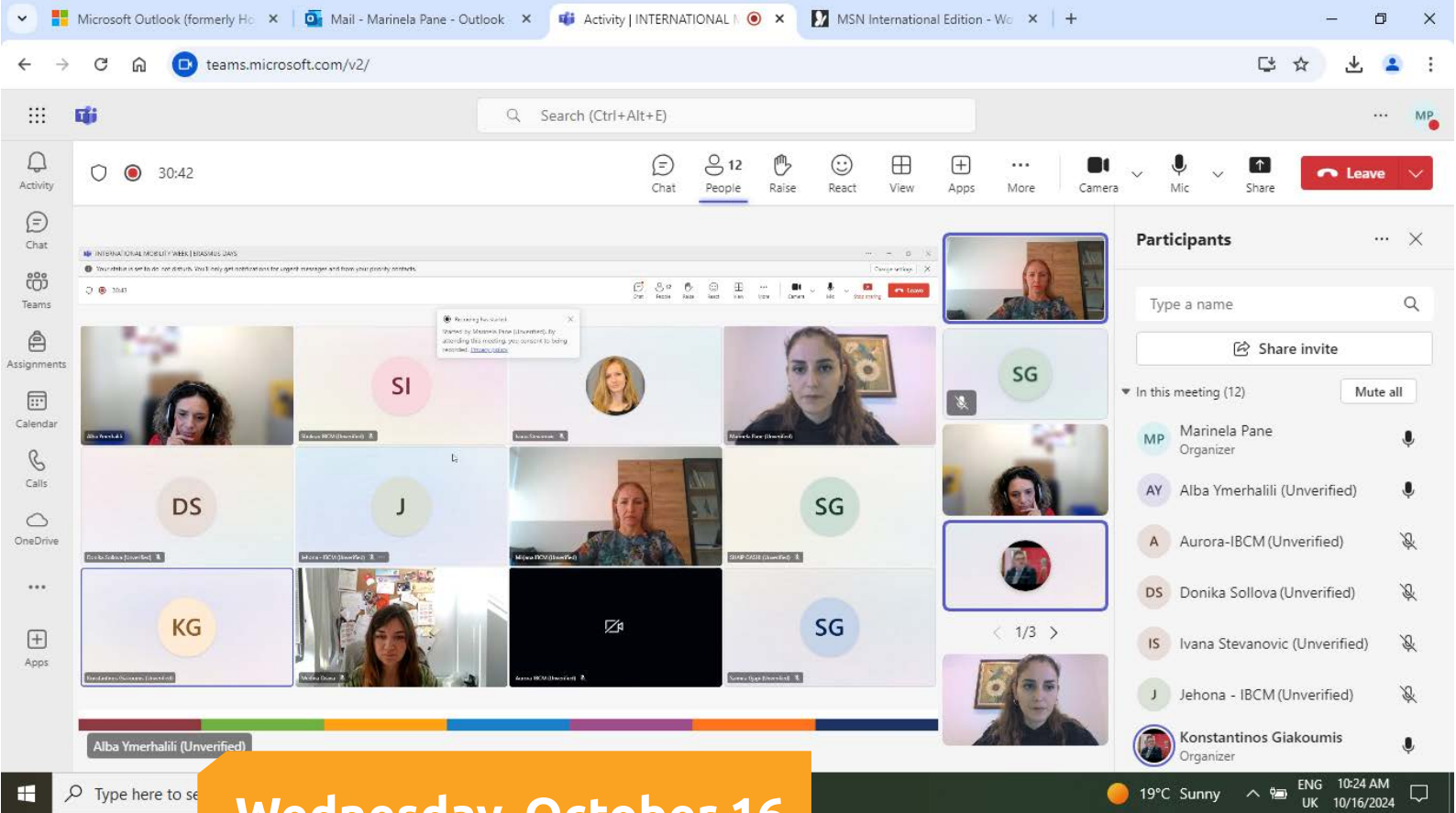
### Individual Event at Partner HEI

A session focused on *The Impact of Erasmus on Personal Growth, Navigating Challenges, and Cultural Exchange* was presented by A. Duka and K. Dovolis. This event attracted participation from international students, faculty, and staff.

### Individual Event – Erasmus Days at LOGOS

An engaging session on Erasmus and Career Development & International Networking took place, drawing interest from international students, faculty, and staff.

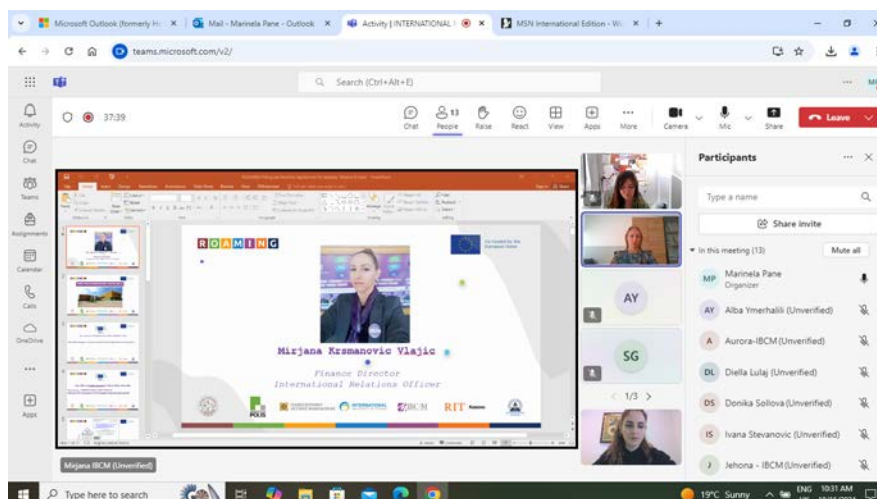




# Administrative Staff Joint Event

## Mobility Procedures for Administrative Staff

Presenters from UNIMED, K. Dovolis, and Alba Ymerhalili provided insights into various topics. They discussed the project overview, network extension strategies, and procedures for outgoing administrative staff training mobility. Alba Ymerhalili highlighted the process for filling the Admin Staff Mobility for Training Agreement, while the event concluded with a discussion on the future of Erasmus, focusing on opportunities and challenges.





# LOGOS UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

**Celebrating International  
Mobility Week**



# Event **Highlights:** Empowering Global Opportunities

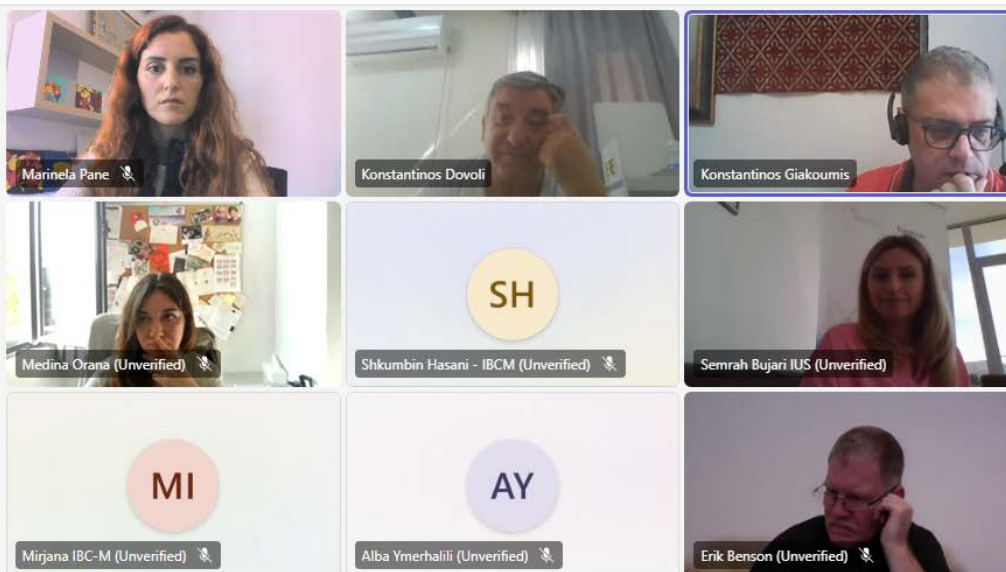
During International Mobility Week, LOGOS University College hosted a series of dynamic events aimed at enlightening academic and administrative staff, as well as students, about the diverse opportunities offered through international mobility programs, particularly the Erasmus programs. Below is a breakdown of the events:



## Keynote Presentations

The week commenced with engaging keynote presentations from esteemed speakers representing various international higher education institutions. These experts shared insights on the transformative nature of studying and working abroad, emphasizing how such experiences can enhance cultural understanding, improve language skills, and expand professional networks.

Participants had the unique opportunity to connect with these representatives, facilitating rich exchanges of knowledge and fostering potential collaborations that could benefit their academic pursuits.



## Institutional Procedures for International Mobility

In addition to the keynote sessions, detailed presentations were conducted, focusing on the institutional procedures for facilitating international mobility for students, academic staff, and administrative personnel. These sessions provided crucial information on compliance with international standards, ensuring that all participants were well-prepared to navigate the complexities of mobility programs.

By outlining the step-by-step processes involved, the presentations aimed to demystify the application and participation procedures, empowering attendees to take advantage of these global opportunities.

### Erasmus Days Celebration



The enthusiasm for these programs was palpable, as attendees shared their aspirations and plans for future international engagement.

The [#ErasmusDays](#) served as a highlight of International Mobility Week, promoting the multitude of benefits stemming from the Erasmus program. Participants learned about scholarship opportunities, internships, and exchange programs that could broaden their horizons and enhance their educational experiences.

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**Celebrating  
International Mobility Week**

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MACEDONIA**



**\*ESN** What is ESN?  
Erasmus Student Network (ESN) is the key  
student volunteer organisation in Europe.  
"Students Helping Students"

## Erasmus Days - Erasmus+ Info Day

### Event Recap

In celebration of Erasmus Days 2024, the University of Western Macedonia held an **Erasmus+ Info Day** on **October 10th**, dedicated to promoting mobility opportunities for students and staff. The event took place on the Kastoria campus, running from **10:30 AM to 3:00 PM**, and provided a comprehensive overview of Erasmus+ programs, including mobility grants, application guidance, and hands-on support for prospective participants.





## Event Highlights:

The Info Day featured detailed presentations on **Erasmus+** mobility programs, available funding, and application processes, helping both students and faculty explore opportunities for international academic exchange.

Attendees had the chance to interact with **Erasmus+** coordinators and team members, gaining practical insights on how to prepare for a successful mobility experience.

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## Event Organizers and Contributors:

**Erasmus+ Institutional Coordinator:** Aikaterini Blanta

**Erasmus+ Department Team:** Maria Koutziakoutsidou, Evangelia Rismani, Sonia Pougariou

**Erasmus+ Departmental Coordinators:** Alexandros Kleftodimos, Melina Dritsaki, Spyros Nikolaou



The background image shows a multi-story building with a light-colored facade and several windows. A large, colorful geometric overlay, composed of various shades of purple, blue, orange, and green, is positioned on the right side of the image. This overlay contains text for various academic programs. The text includes 'BSc in Int'l Prog', 'Economics & Statistics', 'Management & Entrepreneurship', 'Security Studies', 'Graphic Design & Multimedia', 'Public Policy & Governance', 'Peace & Conflict', 'Web & Computer', 'Individual Studies', 'Master of Science in Professional Studies', and 'Data Analytics'. The RIT logo is also visible on the right side of the overlay. The main title 'RIT KOSOVO (A. U. K.)' is centered in the middle of the image in a large, white, sans-serif font. Below the title, the text 'Celebrating International Mobility Week' is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. In the bottom right corner, the number '16' is displayed in a large, white, sans-serif font.

# RIT KOSOVO (A. U. K.)

**Celebrating International  
Mobility Week**





## ICM Week Overview

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As part of the **International Credit Mobility (ICM)** Week, RIT Kosovo (A.U.K.) engaged in a series of exciting events designed to celebrate diversity, foster cross-cultural connections, and enhance our community's understanding of international mobility opportunities. The week was filled with enriching activities, including the **"Passport to Unity"** and **"Passport to Flavor"** events, along with valuable training sessions in collaboration with our consortium partners. Here's a recap of our highlights:

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### Passport to Unity

During **Erasmus+** Days, RIT Kosovo hosted the lively **"Passport to Unity"** event, celebrating diversity and global connections. This vibrant gathering brought together students, faculty, and the community to honor global diversity and foster cross-cultural connections.



We were honored to have special guests in attendance, including **Dr. Kamal Shahrabi**, President of RIT Kosovo; **Jehona Lushaku**, Deputy Mayor of the Prishtina Municipality; **Mimika Dobroschi**, Head of the Kosovo **Erasmus+** Office; and **Albina Balidemaj**, Dean of RIT Kosovo. Their presence emphasized the importance of collaboration between local leadership, international mobility, and education.

## Passport to Flavor







## Passport to Flavor

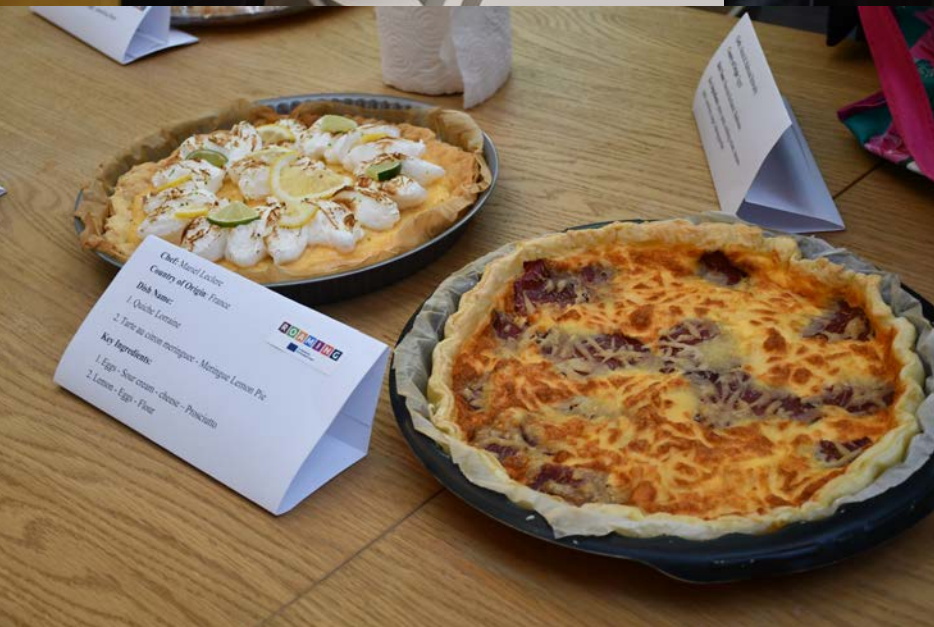
The event showcased an array of international dishes, with participants sharing both food and stories from their home countries. Dr. Kamal Shahrabi brought delicious food from Iran, while Col. Michael Hess, Dr. Erik Benson, and Sara Baxley represented the United States with a variety of flavors. Faculty members Dr. Mariel Leclerc and Ted Ginsburger contributed traditional dishes from France, and students from Senegal, Egypt, and Turkey enriched the event with their national cuisines, adding even more global flavors.



From vibrant cultural performances to interactive booths and delectable cuisine, attendees were immersed in diverse global traditions. This celebration exemplified the ROAMING project's mission of fostering international collaboration and intercultural understanding, highlighting the beauty of unity in diversity and strengthening our global community ties.

**Thank you to everyone who helped make "Passport to Unity" a success! Stay tuned for more photos and stories from this unforgettable day!**













# Trainings with Consortium Partners

Throughout **International Mobility Week**, RIT Kosovo collaborated with consortium members to offer a series of online training sessions aimed at enhancing understanding and procedures related to international mobility. These sessions provided valuable insights and practical knowledge for academic staff, students, and stakeholders.

## The training sessions covered key topics, including:

### **Erasmus+ Program Framework:**

An overview of available scholarships, grants, and support for students and staff involved in international exchanges.

### **Mobility Procedures for Academic Staff:**

Focused on practical guidelines for applying for and managing mobility opportunities.

### **Networking Opportunities:**

Strategies for expanding professional connections before, during, and after mobility experiences.



RIT Kosovo's Head of Academic Services, Medina Orana, presented on the ROAMING project, focusing on mobility procedures for students. This presentation highlighted essential processes and resources available to facilitate student mobility under the Erasmus+ program.



Additionally, Alba Ymerhalili from RIT Kosovo presented on Outgoing Administrative Staff Training, detailing the mobility procedures tailored for administrative personnel. Her insights contributed significantly to ensuring that all stakeholders were equipped with the necessary tools to navigate the complexities of international mobility.

These training sessions empowered the RIT Kosovo community with essential tools and resources to successfully navigate the Erasmus+ program, reinforcing the institution's commitment to fostering global engagement and collaboration.





# THE INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF STRUGA

Celebrating International  
Mobility Week

# #ERASMUS+ DAYS

14 – 19  
of October  
2024

## International University of Struga Celebrates Erasmus Days 2024

In celebration of [Erasmus Days 2024](#), the International University of Struga (IUST) hosted a series of engaging events on **October 14–15** to highlight the transformative opportunities Erasmus+ offers for students and academic staff alike. The events underscored IUST's commitment to fostering international collaboration, offering participants valuable insights into academic mobility, networking, and funding options available through the [Erasmus+](#) program.

Over the two days, IUST organized sessions designed to provide both practical guidance and inspiration for those interested in pursuing mobility experiences across Europe. Each event featured contributions from expert presenters, collaborative sessions with partner institutions, and a wealth of information about making the most of [Erasmus+](#) opportunities.



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**Day 1, Oct 14**

**Day 2, Oct 15**



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## Joint Event with LOGOS University

On **October 14**, the International University of Struga (IUST) partnered with LOGOS University for a special session focused on **Mobility Procedures for Academic Staff**. This joint event was designed to equip faculty with the essential tools and knowledge for a smooth academic mobility experience under **Erasmus+**.

**Presentations featured expert insights on a range of topics:**



### **Extending Networks Before & After Mobility**

Presented by F. Krasniqi, POLIS University (Online)  
Faculty members learned strategies to expand their professional networks, fostering collaboration across borders throughout their mobility experiences.



### **Mobility Procedures for Teaching & Training**

Presented by K. Dovolis, LOGOS University (Online)  
Practical guidelines covered the application process and essential administrative steps for those participating in teaching or training programs abroad.



### **Completing Mobility Agreements**

Presented by Semrah Bujari, IUS (Online)  
Attendees received a detailed walkthrough on completing the Academic Staff Mobility for Teaching or Training Agreement.

**This joint session empowered academic staff with practical resources, equipping them with the knowledge needed for successful Erasmus+ mobility experiences.**



## Erasmus+ Info Day at EUROPE HOUSE, Struga

On October 15, IUST collaborated with EUROPE HOUSE in Struga to host an **Erasmus+** Info Day, bringing together over 100 participants, including students, academic staff, and young learners. Representatives from the **National Erasmus+ Agency** led informative sessions on the benefits and logistics of **Erasmus+** programs, covering:

### Interactive Q&A and Networking

The Info Day concluded with a lively Q&A session, allowing participants to ask questions about applications, resources, and program benefits. A coffee break provided opportunities for individual consultations with National Agency representatives, and attendees received **Erasmus+** materials to take home.

### Introductory Sessions on Erasmus+ Programs

Students and teachers were introduced to the Erasmus+ framework, exploring diverse scholarships, exchange programs, and funding opportunities provided by the European Commission.

### Funding and Application Guidance for Academic Staff

Academic attendees received targeted advice on securing Erasmus+ funding to support school-level initiatives, with clear guidance on application procedures.





The event fostered a spirit of international collaboration, inspiring students and staff to explore Erasmus+ mobility for enriched learning experiences across Europe.



## International Credit Mobility (ICM) Week Highlights

**Dates: October 14–19, 2024**

ICM Week celebrated academic mobility with ROAMING project partners through various events, aligning for the second year with **Erasmus Days** to enhance visibility for the Erasmus+ program. Key themes included:

- **Empowering Mobility:** Workshops provided guidance on Erasmus+ applications and scholarship options.
- **Networking and Collaboration:** Joint events facilitated connections among faculty and students.
- **Support for Academic Staff and Students:** Focus on comprehensive Erasmus+ benefits for individuals and institutions.
- **Cultural Exchange and Awareness:** Events promoted intercultural understanding and skills development.

Each day featured unique activities, reinforcing commitment to transformative mobility opportunities for all.



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