



Teacher or administrative employee experience story

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- **Sending university - European University (Tbilisi, Georgia)**
- **Mobility country - Latvia**
- **Receiving university/company - Alberta College**
- **Activity – training mobility**
- **Duration of mobility period - 08.04.-12.04.2025.**

European University and Alberta College have established collaboration in Summer 2024, with wonderful opportunities for staff exchange. The opportunities are regularly shared by the International Relations Office of European University. Our decision to undertake this mobility was to get to know our partner institution better; simultaneously, we aimed to monitor the implementation of the project and explore future collaboration opportunities.

The Erasmus+ mobility was an extremely rewarding and productive experience. It provided a valuable platform for international academic exchange, institutional networking, and the development of potential collaboration frameworks. The visit was meticulously organized, and the warm hospitality of the host institution created a collegial and inspiring environment for dialogue and cooperation.

During our five-day stay at Alberta College, we participated in a series of high-level meetings with the Rector, Vice Rector, Erasmus+ Coordinator, and Program Directors of various departments including Law, Information Technology, Public Relations and Marketing, Human Resources and Entrepreneurship, and Event Management.

Our discussions focused on strategic areas of mutual interest, such as:

- Developing joint research projects
- Organizing online and onsite guest lectures
- Facilitating student and staff exchanges
- Exploring co-teaching opportunities
- Establishing long-term academic cooperation

In addition, we discussed detailed plans for incoming staff mobility from Alberta College to our institution, with the aim of organizing an International Academic Staff Week for our students. This initiative is expected to enhance international exposure and enrich the learning experience of our academic community.

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The institution demonstrates a clear commitment to academic excellence, e-learning, and international engagement. The staff I interacted with were both professional and genuinely welcoming. I greatly appreciated their collaborative spirit and openness to future joint initiatives.

This mobility experience provided significant professional benefits, including:

- Building strategic relationships with Alberta College staff and leadership
- Identifying concrete areas for bilateral cooperation
- Exchanging best practices in teaching, research, and administration
- Advancing discussions on the organization of an International Academic Staff Week.

Furthermore, it strengthened our intercultural communication skills and reinforced the importance of cross-border academic dialogue in today's educational landscape.

We highly encourage prospective Erasmus+ participants to approach their mobility with clear goals and an open mind. To maximize the impact, prepare discussion points in advance and seek opportunities for reciprocal exchange. It is not only a chance to share your expertise but also to learn from different educational environments. Active engagement, adaptability, and mutual respect are essential for a meaningful and sustainable international partnership.



