

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 - 20.04.-24.04.2026.



My Erasmus+ mobility experience in Latvia was my first participation in such a program, it turned out to be an incredibly valuable and inspiring opportunity.

I heard about this mobility through the European University, which actively encourages academic staff to engage in international exchange programs. The Erasmus+ KA171 project immediately caught my attention due to its diverse international participation and focus on professional development.

The mobility was highly positive and enriching. The program was well-structured and intensive, offering a perfect balance among academic activities, networking, and cultural exchange. The mobility program began with a meeting of participants representing higher education institutions from various countries within the Erasmus+ KA171 project. Universities from Latvia, the USA, Armenia, Georgia, Ghana, Kazakhstan, Colombia, Ukraine, and others presented their institutions, academic programs, and internationalization strategies. This session was particularly useful for understanding different educational systems and exploring opportunities for future cooperation.



One of the most interactive and memorable activities was “Quick Dating,” which allowed participants to communicate with multiple colleagues in a short time, fostering networking in a dynamic and enjoyable format.

The academic lectures were diverse and highly informative. Topics included Neuromarketing Basics, Emotional Intelligence as the Human Partner, Financial Modelling,

Financial Technologies (Fintech): Innovations Beyond Banking, Bridging Entrepreneurship,

Innovation, and Soft Skills Development in Higher Education and so on. These lectures provided new perspectives and practical insights that are directly relevant to modern teaching and academic work.

In addition to the training sessions, I attended the opening of an international conference and participated in a law-related session. I was particularly impressed by a presentation on environmental protection and human rights under the European Convention on Human Rights, which explored how to balance competing interests in a legal context. This topic strongly resonated with my academic interests and left a lasting impression.

The host institutions, EKA University and Alberta College, created a very welcoming and professional environment. The organization of the program was excellent, and the staff ensured that all participants felt comfortable and engaged. I truly appreciated their hospitality and commitment to fostering international cooperation.

Beyond the academic program, the mobility also included social and cultural activities, such as a gala dinner and a sightseeing tour. These experiences allowed me to explore the city, enjoy its unique atmosphere, and connect with colleagues in a more informal setting. I especially appreciated the friendly environment, the cultural diversity, and the openness of all participants.



The main benefits I gained from this mobility are both professional and personal. Professionally, I gained new knowledge, teaching ideas, and insights into international academic practices. I also improved my intercultural communication skills and established valuable connections with colleagues from different countries. Personally, this experience broadened my perspective, increased my confidence, and motivated me to participate in future international programs.

For future Erasmus+ participants, I would strongly recommend taking full advantage of such opportunities. Be active, open-minded, and willing to engage in discussions and networking. Even short-term mobilities can have a significant impact. It is also important to

step outside your comfort zone and fully embrace both the academic and cultural aspects of the experience.

In conclusion, my first Erasmus+ mobility experience in Latvia was truly inspiring, full of meaningful connections, and unforgettable memories. It eventually exceeded my expectations. I am grateful for this opportunity and look forward to participating in similar programs in the future.