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I'm 18 years old and I work as a secretary in the International Relations Department at the University of Economic Studies in Bucharest. I'm responsible for checking the documents of students applying for an Erasmus mobility grant. I'm also responsible for calculating their grants, drawing up their financial contracts, writing reports for their payments, making equivalences for ECTS credits and grades obtained, and making sure that students don't have any problems abroad. I also organise events (conferences, round tables, etc.) for various international guests. Once a year, I help to draw up and submit projects to obtain European funding for various projects that contribute to the university's international prestige and, at the same time, I have to update the university's website and I post all the news about the university.

In my spare time, I like to read books. The main genres are romantic, tragic and existential. My favourite novel is "Barefoot", written by Zaharia Stancu. It's about the life of the main character, Darie, in three volumes totalling eight hundred pages and recounting his childhood in a small country town at the time of the Romanian famine (1940). As for the other things I do in my spare time, I should mention that I don't subscribe to any TV channels because I really like the cinema, so I only use the TV to watch films, old or new. I also like to go to the gym with a friend three times a week. And even though I live in Bucharest from Monday to Friday, I go to the countryside every weekend to visit my parents and my favourite creature in the world, my dog Kobe, who is a thirty-five kilo greyhound and a real headache for the whole family because he steals food from the table all the time.

About the Bucharest University of Economic Studies

Bucharest University of Economic Studies (#ASE) was established on April 6th, 1913 by Royal Decree and represents Romania as a leader in the fields of economics, business, and public administration. It offers undergraduate and master's programs in foreign languages such as English, French, and German, making it a very foreign-friendly place.



The Bucharest University of Economic Studies is composed of 13 schools, including Business Administration in Foreign Languages, International Business & Economics, Marketing and Administration & Public Management. The university offers 25 Undergraduate programs, 81 Master programs, 2 international MBA programs with Canada & France (with UQAM & CNAM) and 10 doctoral schools.

Currently 24.000 students are part of this university, 5% of them are international, and each year there are 800 outgoing and 150 incoming Erasmus+ exchange students. All of them can benefit from several facilities, such as free basic medical and dental services on campus, as well as free career guidance, free Romanian language course for students.

Regarding staff, the university has more than 900 academic staff members, 10% of them are international.

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As a project manager, I am responsible for international students at the SMK Kaunas branch. My responsibilities cover the entire process, from signing contracts to organizing and ensuring the smooth running of the study process. This includes finding lecturers, creating schedules, organising extracurricular activities such as sightseeing tours, and managing study documentation. I also teach intercultural communication to international students. In addition to working with international students, I am also responsible for communication and collaboration with schools, including delivering lectures, organizing Career Days, providing career counseling, and hosting Open Days. I teach Customer Management, Entrepreneurship and Creativity, Personal Management, and Career Development to Lithuanian students.

I am an active person who enjoys challenges. I completed a Bachelor's degree in Economics and Business Finance, and over a year ago, after becoming a mother, I decided to pursue an MBA in Business Administration while raising my child. I love music – I was involved in this field for a long time myself. Additionally, I have been organizing events for many years.

My life motto is: «Everything is a matter of perspective.»

About the SMK College of Applied Sciences

SMK College of Applied Sciences is an innovation and quality based higher education institution. Established in 1994, SMK has grown to position itself at the very top of Lithuanian private college rankings and currently is the biggest private higher education institution in Lithuania.

SMK is introducing an alternative learning method in 23 study programs where ideal balance of theoretical and practical knowledge correlates with personal evolution and strives for success. Exceptional, interesting, outstanding studies are forming not only modern outlook of science but also learning environment.



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My name is Sofía Quero Mussot, I come from Málaga, Spain.
I am an Information Adviser at the International Relations Office and I have been a Coordinator of Mobilities with South America for almost 20 years.

About the University of Málaga

The University of Málaga was founded in 1972. Today it is one of the largest public higher education and research institutions in Spain. It's a young and dynamic university that grows looking ahead: innovating constantly, developing international talent and investing in research, all with the goal of achieving academic excellence.

International mobilities are managed within the International Relations Office and the numbers for 2023-2024 year were of 1.955 incoming students and 891 outgoing students.



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Riina KORHONEN

Project Specialist at the Karelia University of Applied Sciences



I have many years of experience in Erasmus+ project management. I focus on the administration and coordination of the INVEST alliance, contributing to various development tasks, particularly the INVEST Fellow Programme. I also play an active role in INVEST-related communication, dissemination, and event organisation.

Antonia STAVRIDOU

International Officer at the Karelia University of Applied Sciences



As an international officer at Karelia University of Applied Sciences, my role revolves around facilitating student exchanges, both incoming and outgoing. I also actively participate in international projects such as Team Finland Knowledge and am currently involved in the INVEST work package 3, which focuses on creating seamless pathways for student mobility.

Originally from Greece, I have been living in Finland for over six years now. This journey has given me the opportunity to fully embrace Finnish culture and contribute to the dynamic community at Karelia UAS. My passion for international education stems from my own experiences as an exchange student, which were transformative and life-changing. I am committed to helping students from around the world have similarly enriching experiences and to fostering cross-cultural understanding.

About the Karelia University of Applied Sciences

Karelia UAS is a multidisciplinary, widely connected, international and innovative organisation in Finland. It offers a wide range of degree programs and is known for its strong emphasis on practical skills and real-world experience.



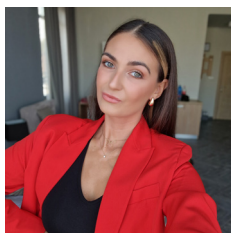
Karelia UAS operates in seven study fields offering 23 programmes out of which three bachelor level degree programs completely taught in English and one in master level. The study areas are health care and social studies, business, engineering, forestry, media and hospitality management.

Karelia UAS is a significant and well-recognized operator in education and plays a key role in the regional development, international collaboration, and research, development and innovation (RDI) activities.

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Barbara BELANOVÁ

Career counselor & HR consultant at the Slovak University of Agriculture



As a career counselor and HR consultant, I help students and graduates with their career orientation, developing career skills, and preparing for their future profession. I provide individual counseling, organise career events, and cooperate with companies to ensure our students have the best opportunities for employment.

After finishing university, I worked for five years as an HR consultant in a personal agency, where I gained valuable practical experience in recruitment, employee selection, and career counseling. This experience allows me to effectively connect the academic environment with the real requirements of the job market.

Filip TKÁČ

University Lecturer & Advisor at the Slovak University of Agriculture



In my current role as a University Lecturer and Advisor, I teach in accredited study programmes in Commercial Business and lifelong learning programmes in Management of Education and Organisation of Educational Systems. I combine academic theory with practical insights to equip students with the tools they need to succeed in today's dynamic business and educational environments.

In addition to teaching, I advise students on formal matters of study at the university level. I am also involved in methodological and analytical activities, focusing on the financing and management of public universities, as well as the internal quality assurance systems that enhance graduate employability and human resources performance. My responsibilities further extend to the implementation and financial management of educational projects, ensuring that strategic objectives are met while maintaining optimal resource allocation.

About the Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra

The Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra is a modern educational institution that offers higher education in the fields of biology, biotechnology, economics and management, agriculture and landscape architecture, food science, and engineering. The goal of the university is to create the best conditions for students to gain practical experience and successfully apply it in practice.



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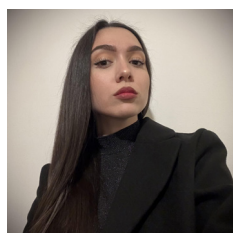


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Maria OTSETAROVA

Technical Assistant at the University of Agribusiness and Rural Development in Plovdiv



My work, as implied by the position I hold, is related to the technical aspect of things. I perform administrative tasks of all kinds that contribute to the well-being of the university. I also handle correspondence with students regarding important matters for them. Overall, the social aspect of my job is quite significant, which is great because I enjoy working with people.

In addition to working at UARD, I am also pursuing my master's degree there in "Economics and Management of Education". I completed my bachelor's degree at another university in Plovdiv (Paisii Hilendarski University of Plovdiv) with a specialization in Bulgarian Language and History, which technically qualifies me as a teacher. However, for now, I have chosen a different career path for myself.

Sevdalina POPOVA

Assistant at the University of Agribusiness and Rural Development in Plovdiv



My job consists in developing the educational content of the topics included in the curricula, and complying it with the specified teaching methods as well as coordinating it with the teachers. I then implement the approved schedule of the educational process and the class schedule. In case of a need to change the class schedule, I inform the Academic Department and implement the approved decision. I also control the attendance of students during classes in the academic disciplines.

On another hand, I plan, organise and participate in the development of scientific projects, conferences, seminars, etc.

Regarding quality assurance, I study the satisfaction of students with the teaching of the academic discipline and help fulfilling the requirements of the Quality Management System according to ISO 9001:2015.

I graduated from the University of National and World Economy in Sofia, Bulgaria, and I have 19 years of work experience including in the field of education. I am a member of organising and scientific boards of conferences, workshops, etc. For example, I took part in the exhibition AGRA in Plovdiv, Scientific and practical conference Bulgaria of regions, projects' events, etc

About the University of Agribusiness and Rural Development

The University of Agribusiness and Rural Development (UARD) is one of the biggest private higher education institutions in Bulgaria, located in Plovdiv. UARD trains specialists in two professional fields: Economics & Administration and Management, with different specialisations. The main university campus is located in Plovdiv. There are accredited branches and distance learning centers in the towns of Veliko Tarnovo and Ruse. UARD was established in 1992.



In 2015 UARD became a member of the Visegrad University Association (VUA) and a member of the European Association of Institutions in Higher Education.

UARD is well-experienced in international and regional projects preparation, management and implementation embracing a number of successful activities in the fields of:

- Sustainable development;
- Organic farming, management and entrepreneurship;
- Networking concerning ecological agricultural production and management;
- Integration and implementation of a Quality Assurance System in organic food retailing;
- Investigations on ecological plant and animal food production, management and entrepreneurship in different regions;
- Transfer of innovative technologies for SMEs;
- Consultations etc.

Chryssanthi FOURLARI

Erasmus Administrative Coordinator at the University of Thessaly



I am part of the administrative team of Larissa city and I am in charge of bilateral agreement, as well as double degree mobility (EMSEP - Department of Physical Education & Sport Science) and International credit mobility. I am also responsible for outgoing and incoming staff and students mobility for teaching, and I coordinate the work package 3 (student and staff journey) for the INVEST alliance at the level of my university.

Konstantinos PATSIS

DPRD Secretary - Responsible for Erasmus mobility at the University of Thessaly



I graduated from the Department of Planning and Regional Development (DPRD) of the University of Thessaly in 1999. I have a PhD in Creative Tourism & Local Development and I work in the Secretary of this Department (DPRD).

Regarding the Erasmus program, I worked in the International Relations Office of the University of Thessaly from 2006 to 2014, and I was responsible for Erasmus Placement/Traineeships, Erasmus Bilateral Agreements and Cooperative Agreements with Universities and Institutions abroad.

From 2014 to 2018, I was the contact person of Erasmus+ International Mobility of the University of Thessaly. Also, from 2014 until today, I have been responsible for Erasmus mobilities in my Department, in cooperation with the International Relations Office.

About the University of Thessaly

The University of Thessaly is a public University founded in 1984 which welcomed its first students in the academic year 1988-1989. It is the third largest university in the country and is located in the centre of Greece, 330 km from Athens (3,5 h) and 150 km from Thessaloniki (1,5 h). Administratively based in Volos, it has developed in the whole region of Thessaly and Central Greece in Volos, Larissa, Lamia, Karditsa and Trikala.

The UTH is organized in 8 Schools, 37 Departments and 71 Post-graduate Study Programs. 36,622 undergraduate and approximately 4,500 post-graduate students and doctoral candidates are currently studying at UTH. It is staffed by 844 faculty members and 427 members of administrative personnel. Teaching is also supported by a large number of contractual instructors.

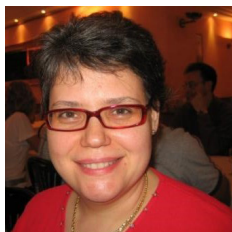
The International Educational Programmes Office/Erasmus+, of the University of Thessaly is divided into three branches that operate in the cities of Volos, Larissa and Lamia, in order to provide better administrative support for the Erasmus programme in all the 35 Academic Departments of the Institution.



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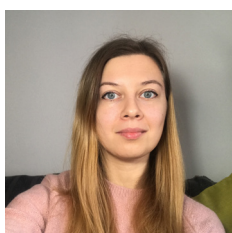
Head of the International Affairs Unit at the University of Milano-Bicocca



I have been working in the field of internationalisation for 29 years. Currently, I coordinate the activities of four offices at UNIMIB: the International Relations Office, International Admissions and Credential Evaluations Office, International Promotion and Communication Office, and the Erasmus Office. I am also a registered member of the Italian Credential Evaluators Association and participate in the management team of the INVEST European Alliance.

Alena POILOVA

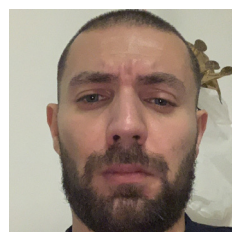
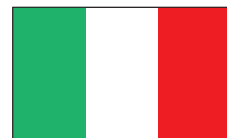
INVEST Project Manager at the University of Milano-Bicocca



As a project specialist, I am tasked with the administrative coordination of the INVEST Alliance at the University of Milano-Bicocca. Key tasks include planning, managing, and monitoring INVEST activities, coordinating local teams, ensuring UNIMIB's contribution to project goals, and maintaining communication with stakeholders. I also organise large-scale events, prepare reports and financial statements, and support the strategic development and promotion of INVEST.

Domenico SONETTO

Human Resources Specialist at the University of Milano-Bicocca



At the moment I work for the Human Resources Department and mostly deal with the juridical management of Technical and Administrative personnel (hiring, contracts, mobility, smartworking, resignations, terminations, etc.) but I've worked most of my career for the International Affairs Department dealing with International Students Admissions, Credential Evaluations, VISAs and Nulla Osta for Extra-EU Researchers and Erasmus Mobility Projects.

Working in a culturally diverse and internationally driven environment has always been a prerogative for me and that is why I hope that taking part in this staff week will allow me to bring some helpful insights back home.

About the University of Milano-Bicocca

The University of Milano-Bicocca (Università degli Studi di Milano-Bicocca) is a public university in Milan, Italy, founded in 1998. It is known for its interdisciplinary approach, strong focus on research, and international collaborations. The university offers a wide range of programs in science, technology, economics, law, medicine, and social sciences, fostering innovation and sustainability.

UNIMIB is a rapidly growing University that has set internationalisation as one of its main goals recognising the opportunity for growth, innovation and global talent attractivity that comes with. That is why fostering and investing in partnerships with other European (and not only) universities is an upmost interest and strategy shared amongst all departments in our university.



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