

Learning mobility under the European Union ERASMUS+ KA107 for higher education students and academic staff between EU Member States (Czech Republic) and third countries not associated with the Programme (Republic of Moldova)

### SUCCESS STORIES

of

**International Credit Mobility KA107 project** 

between

Czech University of Life Sciences Prague, Faculty of Agrobiology, Food and Natural Resources (ČZU)

and

"Ion Creanga" State Pedagogical University, Chişinău (UPSC), Faculty of Geography

Country Project Coordinator Assoc. Prof., Dr. Mgr. Vera Potopová





Czech University of Life Sciences Prague







#### Chronology of mobilities/ mobilities at a glance



- ✓ 2 July 11 July 2021 (Staff Mobility for Training, Incoming)
- ✓ 11 August 22 August 2021 (Staff Mobility for Training, Outgoing)
- ✓ 26 September 25 November 2021 (Student mobility for traineeships, Outgoing)
- 9 November 11 January 2022 (Student mobility for traineeships, Incoming)
- ✓ 18 June 29 June 2022 (Staff Mobility for Training, Outgoing)
- ✓ 4 July –13 July 2022 (Staff Mobility for Training, Incoming)
- √ 10 July 9 September 2022 (Student mobility for traineeships, Incoming)
- ✓ 12 December 21 December 2022 (Staff Mobility for Training, Incoming)
- ✓ 27 January 5 February 2023 (Staff Mobility for Teaching, Outgoing)
- 20 April 19 June 2023 (Student mobility for traineeships, Outgoing)
- ✓ 20 May 29 May 2023 (Staff Mobility for Teaching, Outgoing)
- ✓ 2 June 11 June 2023 (Staff Mobility for Training, Incoming)
- ✓ 14 July 25 July 2023 (Staff Mobility for Training, Outgoing)

# ERASMUS+ KA107 learning mobility for higher education students and academic staff between ČZU and UPSC to understand climate-change drivers affecting food security and biodiversity across Europe

The collaboration of the ČZU and UPSC generated mutual benefits in transferring the experiences of the two partner countries regarding understanding the nexus between climate change, biodiversity, and food security for the mobilities of teachers, students of Magister and Ph.D. programmes. This collaboration aims to open educational and research partnership opportunities in Earth Sciences (Climate change, hazards and Greean Deal) by exchanging knowledge and good practices between the representatives of the universities involved. The professional benefits generated for the participants in mobility (students and teachers) were accumulated through exchanges of experiences, and exchanges of good practices resulting in improved professional and transversal competencies, both at theoretical and applied levels (specialized knowledge, academic skills, skills of communication, etc.). The Erasmus+ KA107 programme has contributed to the internationalization of the ČZU and UPSC, favouring cooperation with institutions and organizations in partner countries and increasing multilingualism and multiculturalism in our university and thus internationalization at home. Still, also cooperation between KA107 and Eco-Ready EU-funded projects join us on a transformative journey as students, scientists, stakeholders, farmers, and policymakers unite to improve sustainable food systems for people and discover the power of Living Labs in Europe. Thanks to the Erasmus+ KA107 learning exchange programme and Eco-Ready HORIZON-CL6-2022 research-innovation project, the collaboration among academic staff of ČZU, State Agrarian University of Moldova and "Ion Creanga" State Pedagogical University, Chisinău has been intensified.

#### The following mobilities have been implemented since 2020 through the project

The study exchange program between ČZU and UPSC: 20 mobilities, of which 13 have been incoming and 7 have been outgoing. There have been more incoming than outgoing mobilities, which aligns with the project's objective. Effectively using budget has resulted in the realization of more mobilities than originally planned. The World pandemic COVID-19 and hybrid war influenced almost every activity in our project. Nevertheless, we could successfully complete all the planned mobilities and achieved quality outputs.

#### **Outgoing mobilities:**

Associate Professor, Dr. Mgr. Vera Potopová (Moldova: Country Project Coordinator) Ing. Nina Muntean (Ph.D. student)

#### **Incoming mobilities:**

Associate Professor Tudor Castraveţ (researcher and assoc. prof., UPSC)

Associate Professor Ion Mironov (dean of the Geography Faculty, UPSC)

PhD. Cujba Vadim (university lecturer, UPSC)

Elena Jechiu (university lecturer, UPSC)

PhD Lucia Căpățînă (university lecturer, UPSC)

Vitalie Dilan (university lecturer, UPSC)

MSc. Tudor Trifan (master student of UPSC)

MSc. Jechiu Iradion (master student of UPSC)

MSc. Michaela Neghină (master student of UPSC)

The project's objectives have been fulfilled since the degree of satisfaction of all the beneficiaries has been fully achieved according to data in the participant's reports. The project has generated a profitable measurable impact on both the ČZU and the partner institution, consisting in many cases of strengthening existing relationships at the teaching and research level in establishing links for new areas of knowledge that will allow us to continue collaborating in **ERASMUS+ KA171 – CALL 2022** (2022-2025).

Country Project Coordinator Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mgr. Vera Potopová

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#### The receiving, coordinating institution - ČZU:

Host institutions: State Agrarian University of Moldova, Tiraspol State University & "Ion Creanga" State Pedagogical University





prof. Ing. Josef Soukup, CSc.

Dean of the Faculty of Agrobiology, Food and Natural Resources



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#### Welcome meeting:

**Prof. Ing. Josef Soukup, CSc,** dean of the Faculty of Agrobiology, Food and Natural Resources and Head of the Department of Agroecology and Crop Production on the receiving-coordinating institution

**Prof. Ing. Pavel Tlustoš, CSc, dr.h.c.**, Vice-Dean for Int. relations Faculty of Agrobiology, Food and Natural Resources

**Prof. Ing. Ph.D. Lenka Kouřimská**, Faculty Erasmus Coordinator, Faculty of Agrobiology, Food and Natural Resources





#### Mentoring:







Assoc. prof. Tudor Castraveț (UPSC, Republic of Moldova) mentor and contact person of KA107 project

Assoc. prof. Dr. Mgr. Vera Potopová (ČZU, Czech Republic)
Country Project Coordinator and mentor
of KA107 project



Institutional Erasmus+ coordinator in the Republic of Moldova "Ion Creangă" State Pedagogical University, Chișinău, Republic of Moldova – host institution

Welcome meeting of mentors with the Head of UPSC Department for International Relations PhD, assoc. prof. Ludmila Armașu-Canțîr and PhD, university lecturer Lilia Petriciuc









#### Welcome meeting:

Rector of partner university of Tiraspol State University (UPSC after the consolidation, Chişinău - Republic of Moldova): PhD, assoc. prof. Eduard Coropceanu

Dean of the Faculty of Geography, Tiraspol State University: PhD, assoc. prof. Ion Mironov















Meeting place: Embassy of the Republic of Moldova to the Czech Republic, Prague Period: 8 June – 12 June 2023



**Focused**: Policies implemented regarding the Active Lifelong Study programs, Green Deal and climate change in the Republic of Moldova and the European integration of the country.

Meeting with the participation: Ms Ina COŞERU, Member of the Moldovan Parliament, Vice-Chair of the Parliamentary Committee "Environment Commission", Ms Mariana CUŞNIR, Member of the Moldovan Parliament, Member of the Parliamentary Committee "Environment Commission" and Mr Alexandru MORCOV, Head of the Cabinet of the Moldovan Minister of Energy, Mrs. Maria Pancu, deputy, Social Protection, Health and Family Commission, Parliamentary Friendship Group with the Czech Republic; Mrs. Felicia Bechtoldt, Secretary of State, Ministry of Labor and Social Protection; Mrs. Galina Rusu, Secretary of State, Ministry of Education; officials from the State Chancellery, the State University of Moldova, the Center for Demographic Research, the Office of the United Nations Population Fund of the Republic of Moldova.

Mentor and students of ČZU and teachers from UPSC attained the invitation from the Ambassador of the Republic of Moldova to the Czech Republic – Excellency Mr.

Alexandru Codreanu















Meeting with the participation: President of Moldova Maia Sandu, President of the European Parliament Roberta Metsola, various Moldovan public figures and pedagogical staff from ČZU and **UPSC** 





#### Dissemination of the mobility activities







Main content of the training assignment & activities: Training on the application of free and open source QGIS software for Ph.D. students; cultural excursions and geographical field expeditions (Sychrov Castle, Svijany brewery, the protected landscape area of the Bohemian Paradise Geopark, UNESCO historical monuments in Český Krumlov, Olšina marshland nature reserve)

Time and place of mobility: 2 July - 11 July 2021; ČZU in Prague Type of mobility:

Staff Mobility for Training
Incoming: Assoc. prof. Tudor
Castraveţ and Vitalie Dilan, university
lecturer















Time and place of mobility:
11 August – 22 August 2021; Chişinău, UPSC
Outgoing: Assoc. prof. Dr. Mgr. Vera Potopová

Main content of the training assignment & activities: Geospatial Analysis and Environmental Remote Sensing technique for Ph.D. students; cultural excursions and geographical field expeditions



















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Type of mobility: Student mobility for traineeships Outgoing: Ing. Nina Muntean (Ph.D. student)



Main content of the training assignment & activities:
Application of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) in the protection of biodiversity for Ph.D. students

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Time and place of mobility:

26 September – 25 November 2021; Chişinău

Time and place of mobility: 9 November – 11 January 2022; ČZU, Prague

Type of mobility: Student mobility for traineeships

Incoming: Mgr. Tudor Trifan

(Ph.D. student)





Main content of the training assignment & activities: Training in Advanced Meteorology and Climatology for master students



#### Time and place of mobility:

18 June – 29 June 2022; Chișinău, UPSC

**Type of mobility:** Staff Mobility for Training **Outgoing:** Assoc. prof. Dr. Mgr. Vera Potopová

Main content of the training assignment & activities: Training on unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) technology for crop fields for Ph.D. students; cultural excursions and geographical field expeditions

















#### Time and place of mobility:

4 July - 13 July 2022; ČZU in Prague

Type of mobility: Staff Mobility for Training

Incoming: Assoc. prof. Tudor Castraveț and Dr. Lucia Căpățînă

(university lecturer, UPSC)



## Main content of the training assignment & activities:

Training on the application of free and open source QGIS software for Ph.D. students; cultural excursions and geographical field expeditions





Time and place of mobility: 12 - 21 December 2022; ČZU in Prague



Type of mobility: Staff Mobility for Training Incoming: Assoc. prof. Tudor Castraveţ, Dr. Lucia Căpăţînă, Assoc. prof. Ion Mironov and univ. lecturer Vitalie Dilan





Main content of the training assignment & activities: Training to support the preparation of national Spatial Data Infrastructures for familiarization with the agrometeorological platform <a href="https://agropocasi.cz/">https://agropocasi.cz/</a>



Time and place of mobility: 27 January - 5 February 2023;

Chișinău, UPSC

Type of mobility: Staff Mobility for Teaching

Outgoing: Assoc. prof. Dr. Mgr. Vera Potopová





#### Main content of the training assignment & activities:

The teaching hours focused on the implementation of the Green Deal in the country, carbon and climate neutrality (net-zero emissions). Lectures were held with representatives of the Faculty of Geography: teachers, master and PhD students.







#### Time and place of mobility:

20 May – 29 May 2023; Chisinau, UPSC

Type of mobility: Staff Mobility for Teaching
Outgoing: Assoc. prof. Dr. Mgr. Vera Potopová



#### Main content of the training assignment & activities:

The teaching hours focused on understanding the nexus between climate change, food production and food security in Europe. Lectures were held with representatives of the Faculty of Geography: teachers, master and PhD students.





Time and place of mobility: 2 June - 11 June 2023; ČZU in Prague

Type of mobility: Staff Mobility for Training Incoming: PhD. Cujba Vadim and university lecturer Elena Jechiu (UPSC)





Main content of the training assignment & activities: Training to support the preparation of a national GIS database for modelling drought impact on agriculture in the Republic of Moldova









20 April - 19 June 2023; Chisinau

Student mobility for traineeships

Ing. Nina Muntean (Ph.D. student)

Application of Geographic Information Systems in the protection of biodiversity for Ph.D. students.





Minister of Education and Research Anatolie Topală came with a congratulatory message saying: "Our children deserve the best, that's why we, adults, parents and grandparents, brothers and sisters, educators and teachers, psychologists, doctors and police officers, we must unite our efforts to offer them all our love and help, but especially quality education, medical care, safety "







**Scientific conference:** Chisinau - cultural heritage and historical education

**Meeting place:** Municipality of Chişinău, Republic of Moldova

Period: 17 July 2023

























#### Time and place of mobility:

15 July – 24 July 2023; Chisinau, UPSC **Type of mobility:** Staff Mobility for Training **Outgoing:** Assoc. prof. Dr. Mgr. Vera Potopová

Main content of the training assignment & activities: Training on unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) technology for crop fields for Ph.D. students; cultural excursions and geographical field expeditions (Lower Prut Biosphere Reserve region, Beleu Lake, The Etulia Ravine, one of the most impressive ravines in the country, which has the status of a natural geological monument). The promotion of green tourism is an opportunity for the development of the villages in this area that enjoy the geographical location in this beautiful meadow. The #Gastronomic workshop "Tanti Masha" in the village of Slobozia Mare can serve as an example.













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