

Project code: 2022-1-IT02-KA171-HED-000073309

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Host Institution: University of Camerino
Type of mobility: Academic mobility
Duration: 7/07/2024 – 13/07/2024

Description of the activities:

The goals of the academic mobility within the KA171 project was to explore the possibility of creating a formal partnership between Central Asian scientists and student communities, as well as to meet with professors and researchers to explore new research opportunities.

On July 8, a conference was held for all participants from Central Asia participating in the Erasmus Staff Mobility for Training program, for the Central Asian student community who came to Camerino on academic mobility, as well as for UNICAM PhD students and local scientists interested in developing relations with Central Asian universities.

Ambassadors and diplomats from the Central Asian regions and Silkway representatives from the University of Milano-Bicocca were invited to the conference.

On July 9, an introduction to the laboratories and scientific research of the Schools of Natural Sciences (Chemistry, Mathematics, Computer Science, Physics), as well as the UNICAM School of Geology, Pharmacy was organized.

On July 10, a round table was held on the topic "Current Erasmus KA171 project - Call 2022". The round table was attended by representatives of partner universities, students studying on mobility, employees, professors and the management of UNICAM.

In the first part of the round table, all project participants spoke about the work done and the results of the project.

The second part of the round table was devoted to discussing the place and format of the final conference, which will be held in 2025 on the occasion of the closure of the current E+ KA171 project. They also discussed issues of further cooperation, studied the possibilities of developing joint projects and sources of its financing.

On July 11, an introduction to the laboratories and scientific research of the School of Law and the School of Biological Sciences and Veterinary Medicine of UNICAM was organized.

On July 12, the final meeting, closing of the conference and departure of the participants.

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Type of mobility: Staff mobility for training
Duration: 8-12 July 2024

Description of the activities:

Mobility program was well designed and fitted exactly to the length of stay and activities were focused mainly on three key areas:

1. Central Asia Day at UNICAM-8 July 2024;
2. Round Table on future cooperation projects -10 July 2024;
3. Visits to UNICAM's Schools -9 and 11 July 2024;
4. Networking with CA partners –8-12 July.

Central Asia Day at UNICAM could be characterised as a central event of the week, pursuing to present the project and its participants to UNICAM's academia and leadership as well as to wider community of the city and the region. The significance of the event was underlined by attending officials from Italian government, Ambassador of Kazakhstan to Italy and staff member of Uzbekistan embassy as well as other relevant institutions and agencies involved in collaboration with Central Asia.

Discussions on the CA Day contributed to more deeper insights and vision of the multilateral interests and possible perspectives in a broader context. This event was remarkable as a highlighter of the important social function of the universities and academia in a modern world.

Round Table on future cooperation projects has made important inputs in strengthening the network links and exploring new ways and instruments for collaboration in the frame of Erasmus+ program and other EU funded initiatives. It was good learning experience on better understanding of capacities of partner universities and coherence of legal frameworks of CA countries to launch new initiatives on higher education such as double degree programs. Due to differences in economic development across the CA region, among key issues on launching joint programs was considered the source of financing to make the new projects affordable for potential audience.

Visits to Schools has played an essential role on familiarizing partner universities with UNICAM's capacities in terms of academic staff, variety of programs as well as modern equipment and studying facilities. Several sites, namely Science&Technology School (CHIP, Informatics, Mathematics, Geology and Physics Departments), School of Bioscience and Veterinary Medicine and School of Law have been among visited during the trip. Hosting UNICAM's professors provided comprehensive description of the research projects they are involved in currently and demonstrated technical and technological capacities of the scientific labs and facilities. It's worth to notice that remarkable achievements of UNICAM is due of being deeply science- and business-oriented in researches and huge human potential. During visits to Schools there were some discussions on possibilities for future cooperation projects and areas for mutual interests and bridging KZ universities and UNICAM. Some Schools expressed their willingness to initiate stronger links with particular regions of Kazakhstan.

In conclusion, the mobility program was well organized and it has made a good impact on strengthening cooperation among counterparts.



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