

Call for applications

Erasmus+ Blended Intensive Programme (BIP)
"GLocalEAst - Migration in Global and Local Context"

Comenius University in Bratislava, Slovakia Online-sessions in April 2025 (virtual part) 28.4.2025 - 02.5.2025 (physical part in Bratislava)

The consortium of five partner universities (see list below) invites master students from these universities to apply for the Blended Intensive Programme "GlocalEAst - Migration in Global and Local Context" at the Comenius University in Bratislava, Slovakia, which will take place in April and May 2025.

Consortium partners are:

- European University Viadrina, Germany
- University of Bologna, Italy
- Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania
- University of Wroclaw, Poland
- University of Zagreb, Croatia

Objectives and Description of the course:

Over the last few decades, migration and the management of migration flows have gained importance even in those countries that traditionally belonged to sending rather than receiving states, e.g. Central East European (CEE) countries. Migration management and integration policies employ various actors; starting from politicians, through state officials, local government to various non-governmental and charitable organizations helping refugees directly in the field. The group of actors who are indirectly affected by migration is even more numerous in each state.

The course will address the complex and interrelated challenges of migration, migrant integration and push & pull factors from global as well as from local perspective. The theoretical part of the course will focus on 4 topics following the GLocalEast curricula with focus on particular regions:

- (1) Ethnicity and Politics of Identity in Central East Europe;
- (2) Borders in Motion in Central East Europe;
- (3) Global Migration and Migrant Integration in Central East Europe;
- (4) Conflict and Security in Central East Europe.

A practical part of the course will focus on strengthening the research and presentation skills of the students. Students from 5 different universities will be encouraged to work in mixed groups and prepare the final presentation on state of migration and migration management in particular state of CEE (a case study).

A BIP course consists of two parts: virtual and physical one.

Virtual Component Description:

A virtual part will take place in April 2025. Each Thursday evening (18. 00 – 20.00 CET), the students will have a chance to attend online lecture and/or seminar via MS Teams. A virtual part is preparatory phase for physical part in Bratislava. Additionally, to online lectures and seminars, digital teaching materials will be available for students attending the course.

Physical Component Description:

Dates: 28.4.2025 - 02. 5. 2025

City of Venue: Bratislava
Country of Venue: Slovakia

Financial support: a sending University will provide Erasmus BIP grant for each student participating in BIP course. For more information, please, contact your Erasmus office or Maria Klessmann (klessmann@europa-uni.de) from the Viadrina Center B/ORDERS IN MOTION. To obtain the grant, your participation on both - virtual and physical part of the BIP is mandatory.

Programme: a detailed programme will be available for students attending the course in April 2025. Among other topics, the physical component of the course will cover:

- Migration from human rights perspective
- Workforce and migration
- Otherness and social distancing
- Borders in Motion (excursion to Devín)

Methods and outcomes:

Methods: frontal lectures, digital content, and class discussions with students

Outcomes: At the end of the course, students are expected to acquire a basic knowledge of the main theoretical approaches and methodological tools adopted in migration and migration research, with a special focus on Central East Europe. As a result of the learning activities, students will be able to integrate insights from research, practice and policy, exploring global and local dynamics affecting the phenomena of migration in the CEE region. Also, they are expected to prepare a "case study presentation" with focus on migration using acquired theoretical knowledge and methodological skills.

Level of Study: Master

Number of ECTS Credits Awarded: 3

Main Teaching/Training Language: English

Please send your application (consisting of *a motivation letter* and a *short CV*) until **March 15, 2025,** to Maria Klessmann, Viadrina Center B/ORDERS IN MOTION: **klessmann@europa-uni.de**

