Dear colleagues and friends,

Greetings from Tbilisi, Georgia!

I hope you've had a rewarding summer holiday and started the new academic year with new energy :)

I am writing to share the information about <u>the 5th International Staff Week</u> we shall be organizing in early February next year at Tbilisi State University. I will be honored to see you among our guests of on it, which coincides with the 105th anniversary of TSU's foundation. So, I promise a mix of work and celebration related activities.

Brief description:

The agenda of the event is meant to meet the interests of the staff from the universities of EU Member States and third countries associated with the ERASMUS+ Programme working on university internationalization as well as civic engagement of universities through various lenses including their quality implications. In particular, **the staff week will have two parallel tracks addressing various topics including, but not limited to student and staff mobility programs, exchange student services, international cooperation, joint and double degree programs and their quality management, quality assurance of internationalization and the third mission of universities**. It will give the participants an introduction to the Georgian higher education system and provide an opportunity to discuss the trends and challenges the universities face in an ever changing environment, as well as increase the cooperation opportunities among the event participants.

The 5-day-long program will be composed of talks, presentations, sharing of experiences and best practices among colleagues from TSU's partner and non-partner institutions, networking events, speed dating, individual meetings and a social program. Furthermore, the agenda of the event is designed to give its participants a unique opportunity to discover Georgian culture, taste exquisite Georgian cuisine and celebrate the 105th anniversary of foundation of Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University (celebrated on February 8th).

Who is it for?

The 5th ISW is designed for administrative staff of the international relations, quality assurance and/or strategy or institutional governance offices and officers (including deans and deputy deans), or representatives of units that are in charge of internationalization, study abroad, quality assurance and civic engagement/third mission of the university both at central and faculty/departmental levels. Participants are expected to actively engage in discussions, share experiences and practices and possibly be open to new cooperation bonds. In case your scope of work is not among those listed here, but are still interested in our staff week, please feel free to contact us [internationalstaffweek@tsu.ge] to discuss your participation, otherwise, please forward this email to your international office if you can.

The details about the registration including the deadline and the fee can be found on iMotion <u>http://staffmobility.eu/staffweek/5th-international-staff-week-5th-isw</u>

In case of questions, please contact us at <u>internationalstaffweek@tsu.ge</u>

I am looking forward to seeing you in Tbilisi,

Kind regards,