

Dear Partners,

Greetings from Vidzeme University of Applied Sciences (ViA)!

We are thrilled to invite your esteemed institution for the Blended Intensive Program (BIP) "**Innovative Methods for Future Skills 2.0**," which will be hosted by ViA in Valmiera, Latvia. The program is scheduled to take place from May 13th to May 17th, 2024. You can find the poster in the attachment to this e-mail.

Last year, we successfully executed the Blended Intensive Program (BIP) "Innovative Methods for Future Skills." We have integrated invaluable insights from the feedback provided by our participants into our upcoming BIP.

Program Description:

The aim of the program is to develop the pedagogical skills of university academic staff to work with innovative teaching methods such as simulations, virtual reality, multimedia, escape room, etc. The program will also include topics like online good practices, storytelling, and creativity. Familiarity with these methods will help university lecturers to develop the skills students will need in the future.

Added Value:

The program will offer both a theoretical insight into the innovative pedagogical methods and their practical application, as well as an opportunity to practice these methods. During the program participants will also get an insight into Latvia's culture, language, and traditions, gain new contacts from different countries.

Outcomes:

Academic staff of universities will have learned innovative and useful methods, will have gained an insight into Latvia's culture, and will have gained new contacts and ideas for cooperation.

Competencies Gained:

The program will enable participants to enhance their methodological, intercultural, and communicational skills.

Expenses:

Individual support for the Blended Intensive Program (BIP) is covered by the Erasmus+ scholarship, encompassing travel, accommodation, and catering (breakfast, lunch, dinner). The sending institution will provide this individual support under the Erasmus+ program. Cultural activities, including excursions and welcome dinners, are also included, and will be specified by the organizing institution.

Conditions:

The minimum number of Erasmus+ funded participants is 20 (not including teaching/training staff involved in the delivery of the program). BIP individual support (Erasmus+ scholarship), and when applicable, travel support to participants for the physical activity is provided by the sending organisation (and the receiving HEI in the case of invited staff from enterprises and participants from third countries not associated to the programme funded with external action instruments).

Program Schedule:

7 days:

5 physical (13.05.2024. – 17.05.2024)

2 virtual (08.05.2024. and 21.05.2024)

Application:

Application deadline: March 31

Acceptance Letters Sent: April 12

BIP ID: 2022-1-LV01-KA131-HED-000054608-1

Eligibility:

To participate, an Erasmus+ Inter-Institutional Agreement must be signed between the sending and receiving organizations. If such an agreement is not yet in place, we will coordinate with your international office.

We are enthusiastic about the prospect of your institution joining this program, which is designed to enhance the capabilities of academic staff and propel the evolution of innovative teaching methodologies. Feel free to reach out to me, Ance Cirša (ance.cirsa@va.lv) via email for any additional information or clarification.

Please be so kind as to disseminate this opportunity among your academic staff. Their participation in this program would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your cooperation!

To apply, please visit [HERE](#)

Ar sveicieniem / With regards,

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