

FLY 2023

INTERCULTURAL INTERDISCIPLINARY INTENSIVE SUMMER SERVICE-LEARNING PROGRAM - BLENDED INTENSIVE PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS FROM DIFFERENT STUDY FIELDS

FLY is a blended intensive program of volunteering, community service, and field learning organized by seven universities in Europe (4 in Spain, 1 in Portugal, 1 in Italy, and 1 in Slovakia) with the following characteristics:

- Universitario....is an activity for university students offered by your university as part of its comprehensive training activities.
- Diverse... that removes prejudices and discovers the richness of diversity.
- Connected.... that builds bridges and discovers realities.
- Valuable... that contributes to organizations, individuals, and communities.
- Reflective... that helps to understand global dynamics and to have a critical vision.
- Transformative... that questions and engages students with a vision of justice.

By engaging in online learning and practical experience in the field organized in cooperation with community organizations, students develop their professional, personal, social, and ethical competencies.

DATES

Physical mobility: from 19th June 2023 until 4th July 2023
Virtual component: from 1st June 2023 until 31st August 2023

APPLICATIONS

If you are interested in offering students participation in BIP, please get in touch with Alžbeta Brozmanová Gregorová, alzbeta.gregorova@umb.sk, by the 10th of May, 2023.

Applications from students: 20th May 2023

Selection of students should be organized by sending institutions based on the student's application, motivation letter and CV, and personal interview.

LOCATION

Slovakia, Banská Bystrica



4 ECTS CREDITS

ORGANIZER: MATEJ BEL UNIVERSITY



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The program includes different sessions and methods:

1. Online group interactive training before the physical part
2. Individual online course
3. An individual plan of personal development
4. In-person part – participation in a community project in community organizations in groups, connected with reflection and evaluation sessions, working in the field 5-8 hours/per day
5. Individual reflection after experience

The program has also added value for community organizations – students are participating in solving the real needs and problems in community organizations with different target groups.

EXAMPLES OF COMMUNITY PROJECTS:

- Restoring and taking care of the environment, waterways, and their surroundings; the activities can include clearing invasive plant species, collecting rubbish and illegal liquidation dumps, maintenance of an educational trail in Slatina river valley, management of natural locations in Slatina river valley, planting trees.
- Cultural management, event production and organization, human rights issues, community development, civil society and democracy, preparation, and organization of PRIDE BB 2023.
- Development of volunteering in the region – helping to create a promotional campaign and participation in Volunteer Week.
- Solving issues related to social housing issues related primarily to vulnerable Roma groups, preparing online campaigns related to the prevention of violent extremism and radicalization.
- Set-up strategy and measures in the area of green solutions for concrete organization, building the community garden

FINANCING

BIP participants are financed by their home university with a grant intended for short-term mobilities KA131 (educational mobility of university students and employees).

The amount of the grant for students is EUR 70/day until the 14th day of mobility and EUR 50/day from the 15th day of physical mobility.

