



# ERASMUS+ NEWSLETTER

## Focus on Moldova National Erasmus+ Office in Moldova



▶ INTERNATIONAL HERE SEMINAR, IN CHISINAU



▶ FIRST EDITION OF ERASMUS+ ALUMNI CROSSROADS, IN CHISINAU



▶ TAM FOR UNIVERSITIES IN MOLDOVA: PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCIES IMPROVEMENT & ICT AND ELEARNING

### International HERE Seminar in Chisinau: Recognition – Implications for cross- border access to higher education and mobility

A Higher Education Reform Experts (HEREs) international Seminar focused on the recognition of academic and professional qualifications was held in Chisinau on June 10-11, 2019.

The event organised by the SPHRE Consortium with the support of the National Erasmus+ Office in Moldova and in partnership with the Technical University of Moldova has gathered more than 70 international participants from 25 Partner Countries, members of the Higher Education Reform Experts community.

The topic of this Seminar was critically important for understanding the mechanisms of recognition, since without this no international mobility strategies can be considered viable, either at the system level or at the institutional level. During the two days of the Seminar, the participants were offered a review of the international recognition conventions, current recognition practice and the shift from 'equivalence' to 'comparability'.

Aspects of the proposed introduction in Europe of automatic recognition, and other key components of the recognition of academic qualifications, such as credit recognition, recognition of prior learning, the evaluation of applicants – such as refugees – who lack formal documentation, and the digitisation of recognition instruments notably the Diploma Supplement have represented discussion topics.



HEREs have also learned about the developments in the field of recognition of professional qualifications, where EU legislation is particularly relevant to pre-accession countries. In its relations with the wider world, the EU has begun to build into its trade deals mutual recognition agreements in professions such as accountancy and architecture. These aspects have important effects for curriculum design and quality assurance

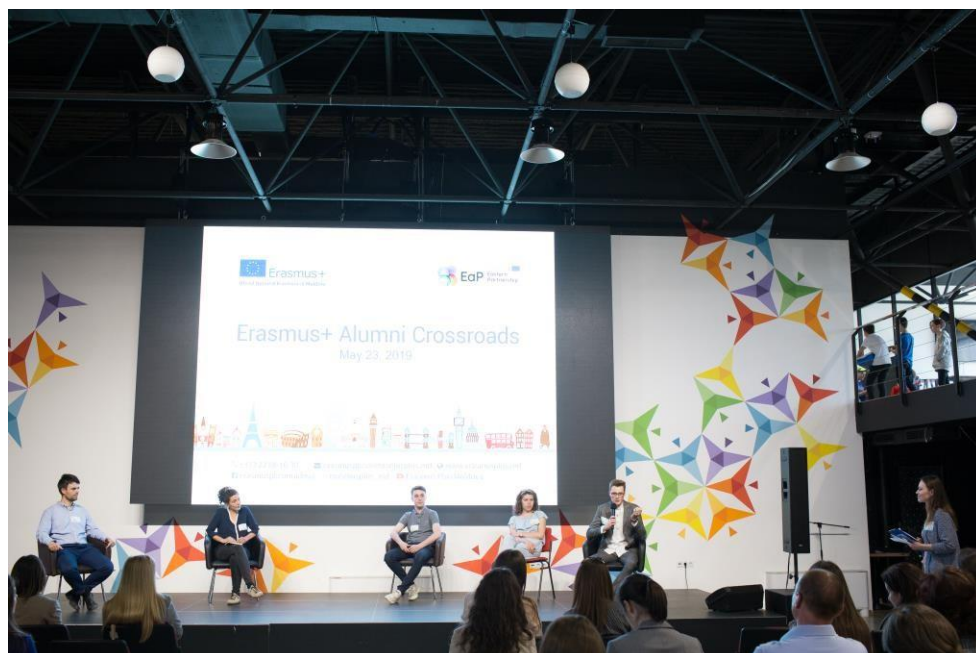
*NOTE: The University of Barcelona (Coordinator) and the European University Association (EUA) currently comprise the consortium 'SPHERE' (Support and Promotion for Higher Education Reform Experts), an initiative steered by the European Commission and implemented by its Executive Agency for Education, Audiovisual and Culture. SPHERE is providing training and networking for Higher Education Reform Experts (HEREs) and National Erasmus+ Offices (NEOs) in countries neighbouring the European Union between 2015- 2020.*  
<https://supporthere.org/>

## First edition of Erasmus+ Alumni Crossroads, in Chisinau

The National Erasmus+ Office in Moldova has organised on Thursday, May 23, 2019, first edition of the Erasmus+ Alumni Crossroads – an event dedicated to Erasmus+ participants & beneficiaries. The goal of this event was to emphasise the Erasmus+ Programme impact on the modernisation and development of the higher education by means of the implemented projects as Tempus, Erasmus Mundus, Jean Monnet, Capacity Building, International Credit Mobility, Strategic Alliances, a.o.

The event has gathered 150 Erasmus+ Alumni – academic staff and students – and consisted of three main panels: **a cluster meeting** with the participation of coordinators and projects' work teams under implementation (Capacity Building in Higher Education, International Credit Mobility and Jean Monnet) on the Erasmus+ future, the **reunion of the academic staff** benefiting from the academic mobility projects, and the **students' alumni reunion**.

The implementation of the Erasmus+ projects in Moldova was the main topic of discussions during the cluster meeting with the representative of the Ministry of Education, Culture, and Research, Mrs Ludmila Pavlov, Deputy Head of Analysis, Monitoring and Evaluation Department.



The Erasmus+ students' alumni meeting was honoured by the participation of the State Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of the Republic of Moldova Daniela Morari, representatives of the EU Delegation and diplomatic missions accredited to Moldova.

The Erasmus+ mobility experiences were presented throughout all event' sessions. Likewise, at the event took active part academic staff and students from countries like France, Italy, United Kingdom, and Romania being in Moldova for an Erasmus+ teaching, training or student mobility. The event included an exhibition of the Erasmus+ Capacity Building in Higher Education and Jean Monnet projects.



## Monitoring sessions

In the first half of the year, other **8 monitoring sessions** of the Capacity Building in Higher Education Projects implemented in Moldovan universities have been carried-out by NEO Moldova on behalf of the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA).





## Technical Assistance Missions for Higher Education Institutions in Moldova

The National Erasmus+ Office in Moldova has organised two new Technical Assistance Missions for Higher Education Institutions.

The topics addressed during the seminars were the **Improvement of academic professional competencies of university staff from Moldova** and **ICT and eLearning impact on innovation of teaching, research and learning.**



The events have been organised by the National Erasmus+ Office with the support of the SPHERE (Support and Promotion for Higher Education Reform Experts), EU Delegation to the Republic of Moldova, Ministry of Education, Culture and Research of the Republic of Moldova and were hosted by the Academy of Economic Studies of Moldova and the State University of Tiraspol. The events are part of the Higher Education Reform Experts Erasmus+ Activities (Key Action 3: Support for policy reform).



## Talking Erasmus+ at Europe Day events

The National Erasmus+ Office in Moldova has participated at the Europe Day events held in **Chisinau** (capital), **Cahul** (south) and **Tiraspol** (transnistrian region). During these public events, around 1500 visitors were met at the Erasmus+ tent. Participants were informed about the opportunities for universities and young people in Moldova, supported by the EU programme for education, training, youth and sport.

The visitors have expressed the willingness of increasing the number and the variety of Erasmus+ Actions opened to Moldova.



## NEO Moldova: Upcoming national events

July, 2019	September, 2019	October, 2019	November, 2019	December, 2019
❖ <i>Field Monitoring of the CBHE &amp; ICM projects</i>	❖ <i>Erasmus+ Information Campaign for students</i>	❖ <i>Erasmus+ Information Campaign for students</i>	❖ <i>Erasmus+ Information Campaign for Universities</i>	❖ <i>Erasmus+ Information Campaign for universities</i>
	❖ <i>Monitoring Missions at CBHE &amp; ICM Projects</i>	❖ <i>Technical Assistance Mission</i>	❖ <i>Field Monitoring of the CBHE &amp; ICM Projects</i>	❖ <i>Monitoring Missions at CBHE projects</i>
	❖ <i>Institutional Monitoring, TBC</i>	❖ <i>Field Monitoring of the CBHE &amp; ICM projects</i>		

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