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THE CHRONICLES OF EU'S ERASMUS+ PROGRAMME

It all started in 1987 with the implementation of student educational exchange within bilateral cooperation agreements, and over the years the initiative expanded its priorities and activities to become one of the most recognizable EU programmes for youth action and mobility.

Spreading beyond its European dimensions, it opens up to establish collaboration with universities from other continents.

The programme provides opportunities to acquire professional, social and life experience. It allows participants to join independent online language courses in the official EU languages. The new Erasmus+ period started in 2022 with new ideas, some of which are "Green Erasmus", "European Student Card", "EU Academy", "Paperless Erasmus", Blended mobilities, Blended Intensive Programmes, etc. Until 2028 it will have a budget of around 26 billion euros with more opportunities for mobility and cooperation.

The motto of the new period is:

Erasmus+ enriching lives, opening minds



ERASMUS PROGRAMME AT TRAKIA UNIVERSITY STARA ZAGORA

Trakia University has participated in the programme since its introduction to Bulgaria in 1999/2000.

The first bilateral agreements were signed by the Veterinary Medical Faculty with universities in Hannover and Giessen, Germany and their collaboration continues to this day:

Tierärztliche Hochschule Hannover <http://www.tiho-hannover.de>

Justus-Liebig-Universität Giessen <http://www.uni-giessen.de>

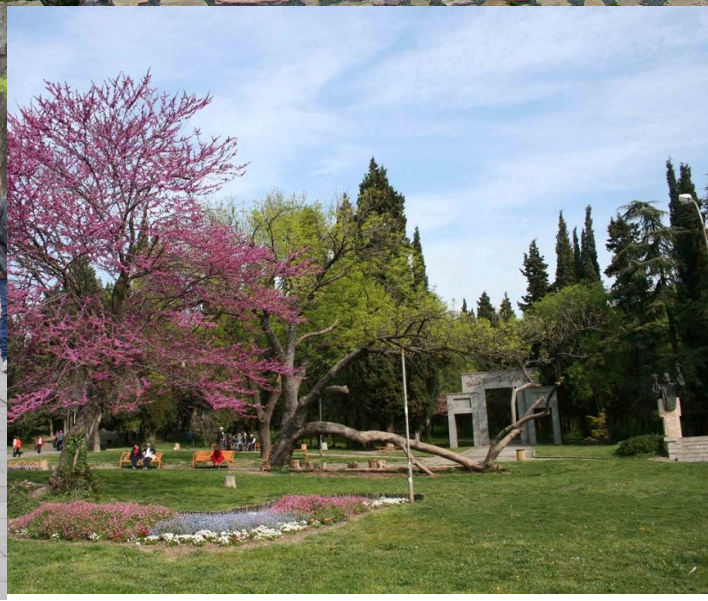
As of 2023 Trakia University has realized:

> 2000 mobilities of undergraduate and doctoral students;

≈ 1000 mobilities of faculty and staff

>100 signed and renewed bilateral exchange contracts with partner universities from countries in Europe and elsewhere.

New agreements with universities in Passau and Rostock and New Ulm in Germany, Valencia in Spain, Thessaloniki and Komotini in Greece, Alanya, Istanbul, Ankara and Antalya in Turkey



**In recent years,
the most desired options are:**

**Mobilities for trainings
for undergraduate and
graduate students (in English)**

**Traineeships and
practical internships in
Greece, Cyprus, Germany,
Spain, Italy, Turkey, North
Macedonia, etc.**



Erasmus+



**Among the most attractive universities for our students, faculty and staff in
recent years have been:**

- **JUSTUS-LIEBIG-UNIVERSITÄT Giessen, Germany**
- **TIERÄRZTLICHE HOCHSCHULE Hannover, Germany**
- **JULIUS-MAXIMILIANS UNIVERSITY Würzburg, Germany**
- **ANKARA UNIVERSITY, Turkey**
- **GAZİ UNIVERSITY, Ankara, Turkey**
- **EGE UNIVERSITY, Izmir Turkey**
- **UNIVERSIDAD DE MURCIA, Spain**
- **UNIVERSITÀ di PISA, Italy**
- **UNIVERSITÀ di PERUGIA, Italy**
- **UNIVERSIDAD DE CORDOBA, Spain**
- **ULUDAĞ UNIVERSITY, Bursa, Turkey**
- **TRAKYA UNIVERSITY, Edirne, Turkey**

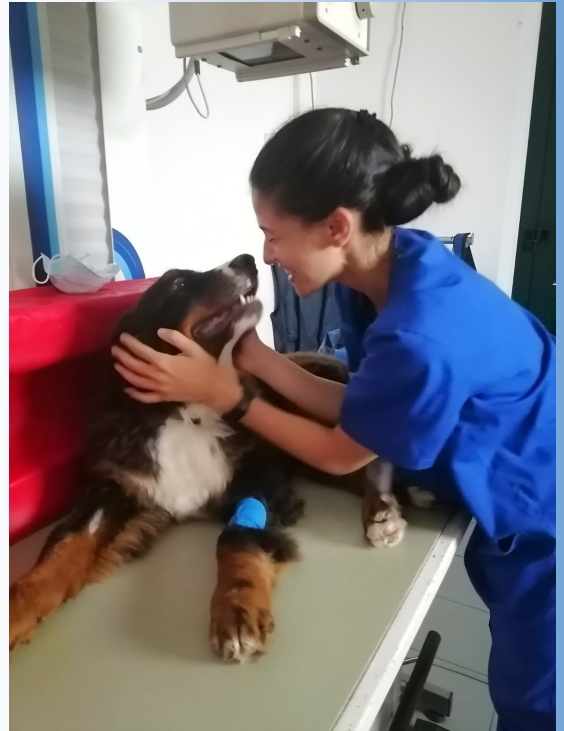


STORIES FROM OUR OUTGOING ERASMUS+ STUDENTS

Meet **Iva Paunova**,
a student at the Faculty of
Veterinary Medicine who
participated in training
mobility in **Pisa**



They taught me how to take x-rays



For the first time I saw
chemotherapy and its application in
oncological diseases - something
that is not yet applied to animals in
Bulgaria



I went alone, but I didn't stay alone -
dating Erasmus society



Dreams come true - Venice
(Yes! There is enough time for
trips!)

Iva Paunova visited Perugia



I arrived - for the second year in Italy



Exotic patients



They have an amazing horse clinic in Perugia



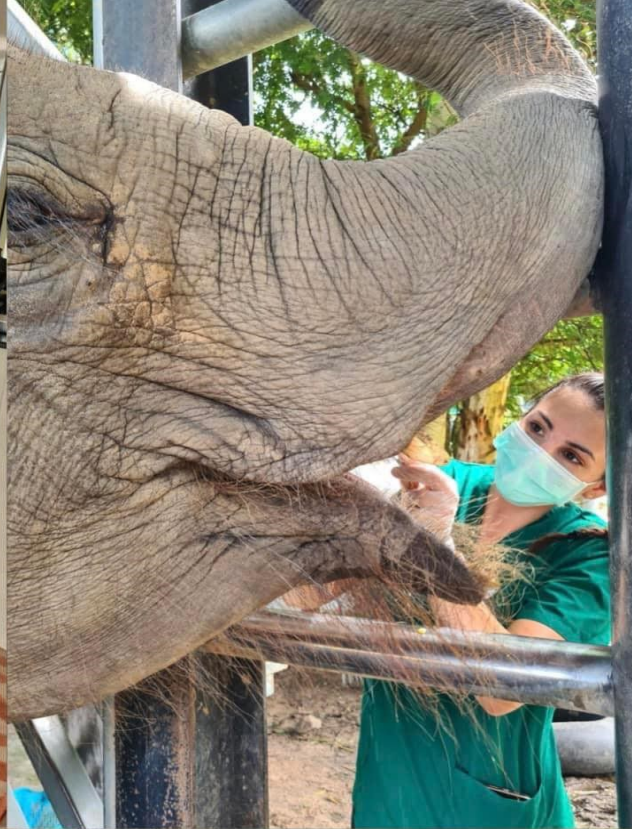
With Yoanna Encheva - another Erasmus+ student from TRU in Perugia - at the horse clinic

Ivana-Antonia Gaidarova
A student of Veterinary Medicine who won
a **"Grand Slam"** for excelling at
academics sports and volunteering.



The then fourth-year
veterinary student
received
"Student of the Year" award
in 2022 shortly before
leaving for Germany to
study at
Justus Liebig University in
Giessen.
She first arrived there for a
summer internship, and
then for Erasmus+
training.





Ivana-Antonia surprises her German professors with her in-depth knowledge of surgery and internal medicine, and her great desire to specialize in exotic and zoo animal medicine.

Between her two visits in Germany, she volunteered to care for abandoned Elephants in a Wildlife Rescue Center in Thailand



**THE 2022 ERASMUS+ DAYS WAS A HUGE SUCCESS.
A NEW EVENT FOR TRU STUDENTS AND
FACULTY IS COMING SOON.
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**



6 days
to promote
skills throughout
Europe!



#ERASMUS
DAYS 9 > 14
of October
2023



ERASMUS + WORLD AND TRAKIA UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE 11 OCTOBER 2023

**Venue: Trakia University – Stara Zagora
Students Campus – Academic Information Center**

MORNING SESSION

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|--------------------|--|
| 08:30-09:00 | Registration |
| 09:00-09:15 | Welcome and Erasmus + overview
(Rector, Vice Rector, Coordinator KA 1); |
| 09:15-09:45 | Dos and Don'ts when applying for mobility.
firsthand experience from staff |
| 09:45-10:30 | We challenge you ...
Students promoting Erasmus + to their peers,
5 incoming Erasmus+ students talk about their university
and home country |
| 10:30-12:00 | The Rare Birds of the Green Belt – The Living Exhibition,
The Anatomy as Art |

12:00-13:00 LUNCH BREAK

AFTERNOON SESSION

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| 13:00- 15:00 | Erasmus + games/ teams in cooperation with “International
Youth Center” - Stara Zagora |
| 15:00-16:00 | TrU theatre group |
| 16:00- 16:30 | End of session |