



VILNIAUS
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25

STAFF TRAINING WEEK 2025

June 2-6

HARMONY of SKILLS in PROFESSIONAL HIGHER EDUCATION

PROGRAMME

Saltoniškių str. 58, room 301

| DATE | TIME | ACTIVITY | REMARKS |
|---------------------|-------------|---|--|
| Monday, June 02 | 10.00-13.00 | Introduction: Welcome. Nijolė Zinkevičienė, Ph.D., Vice-Rector for Research and Partnerships, Vilniaus kolegija VIKO presentation. Daria Ivanova, student, Vilniaus kolegija HEROES presentation. Jolanta Preidienė, Ph.D., Head of International Relations and Projects Department, Vilniaus kolegija | |
| | | Networking session. Andrejus Račkovskis, Project Manager, Vilniaus kolegija | |
| | | Participants present their institutions (5 min. for each institution) | |
| | 13.00-14.00 | Lunch | |
| | 14.00-15.00 | GIS and the Use of AI. Assist. Prof. Luis Miguel Luz, Polytechnic Institute of Beja, Portugal | Personal laptops would be required (if possible) |
| | 15.00-15.45 | Transfer to the Bell Tower (individually) | |
| Tuesday, June 03 | 10.00-13.00 | Guided tour in Vilnius Old Town. Jelena Ščedrovienė, Lecturer, Vilniaus kolegija | Meeting point near the Bell Tower |
| | | Hybrid Teaching. Micro-credentials. Andrejus Račkovskis, Project Manager, Vilniaus kolegija | |
| | | Universities for Sustainable Development. From Vision to Impact: Key Outputs from the #USD Project. Dalia Karlaitė & Muhammad Sohail, Lecturers, Vilniaus kolegija | |
| | | Ignite your Creativity within 1 Hour. Greta Gruodė, Lecturer, Vilniaus kolegija | |
| | 13.00-14.00 | Lunch | |
| | 14.00-14.45 | Transfer to the Bell Tower (individually) | Meeting point near the Bell Tower |
| | 15:00-16:30 | Guided tour in the Palace of the Grand Dukes of Lithuania | Katedros sq. 4 |



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| Wednesday, June 04 | 10.00-13.00 | Research & Development and Commercialisation. Alina Katunian, Ph.D., Head of Research and Art Department, Vilniaus kolegija | |
| | | Horizon Europe ABC. Justyna Lučinska, Ph.D., Research Projects Manager, Vilniaus kolegija | |
| | | CREATOUR initiative in Portugal. Sara Albino, Ph.D., Polytechnic Institute of Beja, Portugal | |
| | 13.00-14.00 | Lunch | |
| | | Free afternoon – discover Vilnius! | |
| Thursday, June 05 | 10.00-13.00 | Visits to the faculties | *Faculties (see addresses below) |
| | 14:00-15:30 | Meeting at the International Relations and Projects Department (for international officers) | Saltoniškių str. 58, room 303 |
| | 18:30-19:00 | Transfer to the restaurant | Pick-up organised by VIKO from Saltoniškių str. 58 |
| | 19.00-21.00 | Dinner at Belmontas restaurant | Belmonto str. 17 |
| | 21:00 | Transfer back to the city centre | |
| Friday, June 06 | 09.30-16.00 | Travel to Trakai – Old Capital of Lithuania | Pick up organised by VIKO - from Saltoniškių str. 58 |
| | 10:00 – 16:00 | Visit to Trakai. Educational programme | |
| | 16:00-16:30 | Travel back to Vilnius | |

*** ADDRESSES OF THE FACULTIES:**

Faculty of Electronics and Informatics – J.Jasinskio str. 15

Faculty of Business Management – Didlaukio str. 49

Faculty of Healthcare – Didlaukio str. 45

Faculty of Agrotechnologies – Studentų str. 39a

Faculty of Pedagogy – Studentų str. 39a

DESCRIPTION OF THE PRESENTATIONS

GIS and the use of AI. Assist. Prof. Luis Miguel Luz, Polytechnic Institute of Beja, Portugal

Introduction to Artificial Intelligence (AI): Overview of AI concepts, history, and its applications in education and research; Critical Thinking and Ethical Implications: Discussion on the ethical challenges and responsibilities associated with the use of AI in academic and professional settings; Practical Applications of AI: Hands-on activities and case studies demonstrating the use of AI tools in education and research contexts; Interactive Discussions: Engaging students in debates and collaborative problem-solving exercises related to AI implementation; Future Trends in AI: Exploration of emerging technologies and their potential impact on education and research.

Hybrid Teaching (Micro-credentials). Andrejus Račkovskis, Project Manager, Vilniaus kolegija

As hybrid learning becomes an integral part of modern education, ensuring an equitable and engaging experience for both in-person and online students is a growing challenge. This workshop, part of the Erasmus+ project HYBRID TEACHING: Empowering Educators for the Future, introduces the potential of micro-credentials and is designed to equip educators with practical ideas for effective hybrid instruction. We will explore key elements of successful hybrid teaching and analyse hybrid teaching scenarios. By the end of the session, participants will have gained knowledge of implementing best practices for hybrid teaching, enhancing both their professional development and the learning experience of their students.

Universities for Sustainable development. From Vision to Impact: Key Outputs from the #USD Project.

Dalia Karlaite & Muhammad Sohail, lecturers, Vilniaus kolegija

The Universities for Sustainable Development (USD) Project, which concluded in March 2025, set out with a bold mission: to accelerate progress on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by integrating digital tools into the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for HEIs partners in Spain, Lithuania, and Finland—and to amplify its impact across the European Higher Education Area (EHEA).

This session will spotlight the project's most impactful and transferable outcomes, including:

- *The Methodological Guide – a practical blueprint for integrating SDGs into university systems,*
- *The SDG Scorecard – a strategic tool for tracking and measuring institutional sustainability efforts,*
- *The Intelligent Target Locator – an AI-supported feature helping institutions align activities with specific SDG targets,*
- *and the Knowledge for Sustainability Portal – a web application to calculate the 2030 Agenda scores from pdf files.*
- *These innovations form a robust, future-ready roadmap for universities aspiring to lead as change agents in society.*

Join us as we explore how the USD Project transformed a shared vision for sustainability into actionable tools and long-lasting impact for higher education.

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Ignite your Creativity within 1 hour. Greta Gruodė, Lecturer, Vilniaus kolegija

The goal of the session is to promote individual and organizational creativity, opening up space for the expression of ideas while doing different engaging and interactive tasks. The training will develop creativity still focusing on creating novel ideas with a help of various stimuli based on the unique methodology of Danish scientists "Creative Platform". No preparation or previous experience needed.

Research & development and commercialisation. Alina Katunian, Ph.D., Head of Research and Art Department

Presentation is devoted to research development and commercialization.

During the presentation will be discussed the role of commercialization in research activities and commercialization as the key skill for researcher. The case of Vilniaus Kolegija will be analyzed in the context of research development.

Horizon Europe ABC. Justyna Lučinska, Ph.D., Research Project Manager, Vilniaus kolegija

The presentation provides an overview of Horizon Europe, the European Union's key funding programme for research and innovation. It covers the programme's structure, outlining its pillars and objectives designed to support scientific excellence, address global challenges, and boost innovation across Europe. Key aspects discussed include:

- *Eligibility Criteria – Who can apply?*
- *Types of Actions – Different funding mechanisms such as Research and Innovation Actions (RIA), Innovation Actions (IA), and Coordination and Support Actions (CSA).*
- *Deadline Models – Understanding single-stage vs two-stage application processes.*
- *Participation Formats – Whether proposals require multi-participant consortia or can be mono-participant.*
- *Consortium Roles and Responsibilities – coordinator vs partner.*
- *Finding Partners – platforms to connect with potential collaborators.*
- *Checking Institutional Experience – Where to check an institution's past project involvement?*
- *Finding Suitable Calls – How to navigate the Funding & Tenders Portal to identify open calls?*

CREATOUR initiative in Portugal. Sara Albino, Ph.D., Polytechnic Institute of Beja, Portugal

The CREATOUR ("Creative Tourism Destination Development in Small Cities and Rural Areas") was an incubator and multidisciplinary research initiative, supporting collaborative research processes linking academia to practitioners. The project aimed to connect the cultural /creative and tourism sectors through the development of an integrated research and application approach to catalyzing creative tourism in small cities and rural areas throughout Portugal.

Presently, this project gave origin into an observatory for culture and tourism for rural development. The observatory is focused into 3 main axis: ecologies of culture and creativity; regional, local and community development; and cultural, creative and regenerative tourism.

Additional suggestions for your stay in Trakai

- Enjoy a traditional Lithuanian meal with a castle view
- Take a scenic boat trip on lake Galve
- Visit the historic Trakai places

<https://www.trakai-visit.lt/en/>