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Host Country: Slovakia

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Mobility Duration: 19.10.26.-23.10.26.

Motivation to participate in Erasmus study mobility

This Erasmus study mobility was related to BIP on “Life as Worship in Genesis 1: Creation and the Formation of our Social Imaginary”. Biblical studies and Systematic Theology provide a framework for exploring a Christian social imaginary. As these disciplines are not my main areas of research, this BIP gave the possibility to get deeper understanding in these disciplines and a possibility to learn and recover Genesis 1 as a formative text for shaping a distinctly Christian social imaginary.

Cooperation with the sending and receiving institutions

A major objective for this BIP and study trip was to strengthen cooperation between LA and other educational institutions participating in the Erasmus+ program. It was great to see that some cooperation that was started earlier this year, continued during this BIP. The cooperation with the sending institution, LA, was well-structured and supportive throughout the preparation and follow-up phases. The receiving institution in Slovakia, the MBU, demonstrated good effort in organizing the event.

Academic and personal achievements

Academically, it was a rich program with three speakers on important questions on the temple imaginary and how it shapes our lives as Christians in academia and every day life. We explored

metaphysics and the say how our worldview shapes how we see things and how we live it out. We did exegesis on Genesis 1 and looked at the Temple as transformer of perspective in the Old Testament, as well we got some training on how to convey these complicated theological questions to small children, this way strengthening our own understanding. BIP also provided excellent opportunities for discussions and practical sessions, to understand various pedagogical approaches in the areas of AI, Gen Z and creation care.



On personal level, the experience contributed to professional growth in theological disciplines and intercultural communication. I also established new relationships with colleagues from Rumania.

Most memorable impressions

Among many memorable impressions, most memorable were the discussions during the sessions, but also during the coffee breaks. I also appreciated the cultural and educational visits to Banska Štiavnica and

down-town Banska Bystrica. Another memorable impression was leading morning devotional in preparation for the study day.

Practical advice for future Erasmus+ participants

Future Erasmus+ participants are encouraged to prepare thoroughly by researching the host institution and setting clear academic and institutional goals. During mobility, valuable learning and collaboration develop through both formal meetings and informal exchanges, fostering trust and lasting professional connections. Maintaining an open and flexible mindset is crucial, as meaningful insights often emerge unexpectedly. Active dialogue, combining learning from others with sharing institutional experiences, strengthens mutual understanding and cooperation. Finally, proper documentation and timely reporting contribute to a smooth and successful mobility experience.

Additional reflections

In the area of theology Biblical studies and Systematic theology are very vital fields of study that shape other fields of theological research. Therefore, this BIP was very vital to strengthen our

understanding and approaches to understanding Genesis 1 as a formative text for Christian social imaginary.

