



Participant: Kristīna Ēce

Sending Institution: Luther Academy

Host Country: Belgium

Host Institution: Evangelical Theological Faculty (ETF), Leuven, Belgium

Mobility Duration: 17/08/2026 – 20/08/2026

Motivation to participate in Erasmus study mobility

My motivation was to continue strengthening the cooperation between our institutions. As the ETF has a department of Religious Studies and Missiology, it was important to draw on our colleagues' knowledge and experience. This gave me the possibility to participate in the summer colloquium run by the ETF.

Cooperation with the sending and receiving institutions



This time I had a possibility to meet and work together with the missiology Professor Dr Bosco Bangura and participate in the course on Mission in the Context of World Christianity, co-taught also by Prof. dr Benno van den Toren. This gave firsthand experience on how ETF Virtual Campus works, and what is the expected study load for the MA level students at the ETF Open University. It was also a possibility to meet guest lecturers from other European higher education institutions. Overall, it was a very pleasant

continuation of the cooperation between our institutions.

Academic and personal achievements

As a part of the summer colloquium, I had the opportunity to present a Bible character study on Ruth how it connects with world Christianity and migration issues. Presentation then was followed with a lively discussion.



Most memorable impressions



ETF as a part of the colloquium, had organized a trip to Park Abbey (*Abdij van Park*), which gave deeper understanding of the religious context of Leuven and Flanders – the Norbertines, the times of French Revolution, as well as the fact of Desiderius Erasmus visiting the library of Park Abbey in 1504.

Practical advice for future Erasmus+ participants

Future Erasmus+ participants are advised to prepare carefully by establishing clear academic and institutional goals and becoming familiar with the host institution before the mobility begins. Such preparation helps ensure that the visit is focused, productive, and relevant to the participants' objectives. Although scheduled meetings and formal activities are important, informal discussions can be equally valuable, offering opportunities to exchange perspectives, establish trust, and develop lasting professional connections. Participants should remain open and adaptable, since important insights and learning opportunities may emerge beyond the planned programme. Active participation is also essential: sharing experiences, expertise, and practices from one's home institution contributes to meaningful dialogue and mutual learning. Finally, accurate documentation and timely completion of reporting requirements support the effective conclusion of the mobility.

Additional reflections

This Erasmus+ mobility confirmed the importance of international theological cooperation in strengthening academic quality and growing in understanding of different cultures and migration issues in Europe.