



Erasmus+



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Sending Institution: Luther Academy

Host Country: Belgium

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

Mobility Duration: 20/05/2026 – 23/05/2026

Motivation to participate in Erasmus study mobility

My motivation was to establish and strengthen 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.

Cooperation with the sending and receiving institutions



We had excellent meetings with the Administrative Staff at the ETF Erasmus Office, during which we discussed potential future plans for Erasmus+ exchanges between our academic institutions – possibilities for teaching mobilities as well as student exchanges.

Also, we had meetings with the Rector of ETF, the Dean and faculty from department of



Religious Studies and Missiology, Research and development staff as well as Academic Quality assurance and Open University staff. The receiving institution had prepared a rich program and I believe this visit strengthened our cooperation and that there will be more fruit and cooperation in the future.

Academic and personal achievements



It was interesting and beneficial to participate in one of the teaching seminars on religious freedom and religious persecution, in order to gain new skills and ideas. We talked about a possible conference and following book project on chaplain training and ministry. With the Dean of ETF we discussed possibility of

joining their summer colloquia on mission research as well as possible teaching mobility possibilities that would strengthen both institutions.



Most memorable impressions



Particularly memorable were the deep and engaging conversations with the faculty, their openness and readiness to listen and share.

Practical advice for future Erasmus+ participants

Future Erasmus+ participants are encouraged to prepare thoroughly by defining clear academic and institutional objectives and familiarizing themselves with the host institution in advance. Careful preparation enables more focused and meaningful engagement during mobility. While formal meetings and activities are central, valuable insights often emerge through informal conversations that help build trust and long-term professional relationships. An open, flexible attitude is essential, as some of the most significant learning experiences may arise unexpectedly. Participants should actively contribute by sharing their own institutional context and expertise, fostering genuine exchange and mutual understanding. Proper documentation and timely reporting ensure a smooth and successful completion 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.