





Erasmus Blended Intensive Programme (BIP) for students at VILNIUS GEDIMINAS TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY (VILNIUS TECH) (Lithuania)

The new Erasmus+ programme (2021-2027) introduces new Blended Intensive Programmes (BIP) as alternative mobility for students and staff.

In spring semester 2021/2022, VILNIUS TECH organises 3 ECTS "Smart Community" BIP for students in cooperation with the partner universities in Advanced Technology Higher Education Network Alliance (ATHENA): Polytechnic of Porto (Portugal), Hellenic Mediterranean University (Greece), University of Siegen (Germany), University of Maribor (Slovenia), University Niccolo Cusano (Italy) and University of Orleans (France).

BIP combines short-term physical mobility with a virtual component and makes the Erasmus mobility more flexible. Students who participate in BIP can maintain their study plans at their home institution and include BIP as a parallel activity. Short-term online and physical mobility (one week online and one week at VILNIUS TECH) will constitute the only period outside their home institution. Therefore, students should credit the BIP to their study plans, as in the case of traditional Erasmus mobility.

The sending institution International Relations offices will provide information and support to students for physical mobility (<u>madita.steffens@zv.uni-siegen.de</u>)

Students will receive support for physical mobility: **70 Eur per day**. Students with fewer opportunities may receive travel support. Students who do not receive travel support can opt for green travel. In this case, they will receive a single contribution of **50 EUR** as a top-up amount to the individual support and up to 4 days of additional individual support to cover travel days for a return trip, if relevant.





Students can apply until 1 March 2022. Students from the University of Siegen: Please send an E-Mail to <u>merle.bollmann@uni-siegen.de</u>.

The maximum number of participants of BIP is limited to **25**. All applicants will receive the information on admission to the course before **10 March 2022**. **Please disseminate this new opportunity with your university friends!**

"Smart Community" BIP (3 ECTS)

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Calendar:

Virtual event starting 14/03/2022, ending 21/03/2022 (online) Physical event starting 28/03/2022, ending 01/04/2022 in Vilnius, Lithuania

Contents: The programme provides students with a basic understanding of the Smart Community and Smart city. Students during the programme will develop the skills to identify and define the topic-related issue, formulate the objectives, goals and hypothesise, collect and analyse data, summarise the results, and interpret them in developing conclusions and design. Students may also approach the preferential target groups, their features, and preferences, along with hands-on work.

The accommodation reservation

Accommodation and travel costs for the physical event in Vilnius are covered by participants (please check with the home institution on the Erasmus grant for BIP). VILNIUS TECH recommend accommodation with a discount for your convenience at the IBIS Vilnius Centre hotel (Rinktines str. 18, 9322 VILNIUS, LITHUANIA)

<u>Booking via e-mail</u>: *HA1J1-FO3@accor.com* providing a discount code "Smart Communities". Smart Community" BIP participants the hotel offers special prices: EUR 42 per person and EUR 50 for two-person. Prices include breakfast, VAT, internet. Please note: City tax not included.