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BALTIC SEA SUMMER UNIVERSITY



« THE BALTIC COUNTRIES IN EUROPE »

REPORT OF THE SESSION

VILNIUS (Lithuania)

July 15th to 21th, 2013

The « Centre International de Formation Européenne » organised for the second time a programme in the Baltic countries from July 15th to 21th, 2013. The one week summer school took place in the city of Vilnius in Lithuania in collaboration with Kazimiero Simonaviciaus Universitetas.



The foreign students were accommodated into an hotel, very near from the University and less than 15 minutes's walk from the city center. After lectures and seminars students can enjoy immediately this very nice little city.

The academic program was structured around the very important topic of "The Baltic countries in Europe"

The group, coming from all over the world, represented 9 different countries. They had immediately formed that special bond which traditionally makes them visit each other in their own countries for many years to come.

Our Academic course contained approximately 30 hours of lectures and seminars or discussions in groups. They were conducted in English by international experts from European Union and from Lithuania.

All our participants enjoyed a rich extra curriculum programme which helped them to savour the culture of this special Baltic country. A day trip was proposed to Trakai, the most popular touristic and historical place of Lithuania.

All the candidates completed the program successfully and received a certificate of participation. Additionally, those students who presented some supplementary work after the session acquired ECTS Credits.

We also asked our students at the end of the session to fill out the evaluation questionnaire and comment upon our programme. Their observations, which can be found further on in this report have been of immense value for us.

Cife warmly thanks Kazimiero Simonaviciaus University, and specially the coordinator Ruta, for the friendly and efficient collaboration and for accepting this new experience together.

Monday July 15th 2013 : During all the day

Arrival of the participants
Accommodation in Corner Hotel



19.30 h Opening Dinner



Tuesday July 16th 2013

10.00 h : Opening session. Presentation of the partners



Prof. dr. Arūnas Augustinaitis,
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Mrs Marie-France Perdigon
Director of the Summer University
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Presentation of the students



Free time for Dinner





11.00 h : ***“Lithuania in 2013 : historic path, profile and*** **Prof. Vilius Ivanauskas**, Senior Policy Analyst, Eastern Europe Studies Center

12.30 h
Lunch for the foreign students and lecturers



14.00 h : ***“Tourism in the 3 Baltic countries in opposition with the other countries around the Baltic Sea”***
“Culture in the Baltic region : what is it ?”
Prof. Peter Roth, Univ. de Cologne.



15.30 h : ***“Présentation of Lithuania : tourism, government, politics economy...”***
Video presentation

16.00 h : **Walking tour in Vilnius with the participation of the Lithuanian students**



Free time for Dinner

Wednesday July 17th, 2013:

9.00 h : ***“The Baltic sea Borders***

Development of the political borders : from Poland to Laponia”

Prof. Peter Roth, Cologne University



10.00 h :

“How life has changed in the country when Lithuania entered the EU ?”

Mr. Kazys Starkevicius, Member of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania, Former Minister of Agriculture of Lithuania.



11.00 h : ***“South Baltic Cross Border Co-operation Programme”***

Prof. Peter Roth, Cologne University

12.30 h : ***Lunch for the foreign students and lecturers***

14.00 h : ***« Lithuanian energy policy in the framework of regional energy developments and European Union Presidency »***

Mr Zygmantas Vaiciunas, Adviser to Minister from Energy Ministry, Lithuania.

Coffee break



15.30 h : ***“Functioning of the European Market for electricity”***

Mr Daniel Wragge, Head Political Communications, European Energy Exchange AG



Free time for Dinner

Thursday July 18th, 2013 : Full day excursion :

***St. Peter and Paul's church
in Vilnius,***



short sightseeing tour of Vilnius by bus



and Trakai with Maria Beinortiene, professional guide.



Free time for Dinner

Friday July 19th , 2013 :

9.00 h : ***“European integration of the Baltic countries and regional policy”***
(infrastructures development, Economic competitiveness)
M. Petras Austrevicius, member of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania



10.30 h : ***“The Baltic Sea Security : the role of the Russian Federation”***
Mr. Egidijus Vareikis, Member of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania

12.00 h : ***Lunch for the foreign students and lecturers***

13.15 h : Departure for Seimas (the Parliament House)

14.00 : **Visit of an official institution : the Seimas**



16.30 h : ***Europe 2020 and its implication for the Baltic Sea Region***

The Regional Energy cooperation in the Baltic Sea Region : Programme 2007/2013 (Bioenergy, Climate change, Electricity, Energy Efficiency, Gas, ...)
Sustainable growth and ecological objectives (environment, climate)
Security and risk prevention

Mme Natacha Rohaut, Professor of geography, Académie de Créteil



Free time for Dinner

Saturday July 20th, 2013

9.00 h : **2013 : Year of European Citizenship : European citizenship issues**
“The European Neighbourhood Policy : The Baltic sea Region between Geopolitics and citizenship.
“The Kaliningrad Oblast : a wedge between Europe and Russia”

Prof. Florent PARMENTIER, Professor, Sciences Po. Paris

12.30 h : **Lunch** for the foreign students and lecturers



14.00 h :

Oral exams for students wishing to acquire ECTS Credits

Afternoon free for the others



16.00 h : **Closing session**
Distribution of diplomas Goodbye party.



Sunday July 21th, 2013
Departure of all participants

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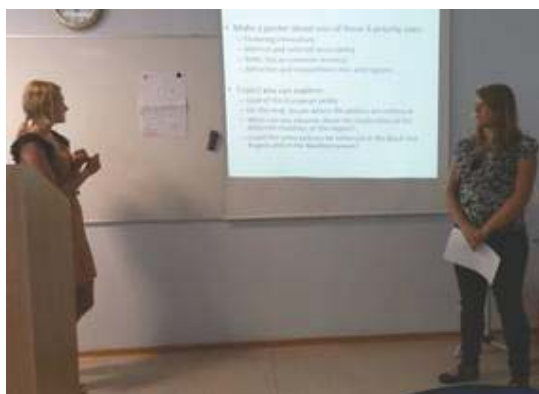
EVALUATION

The evaluation session organised at the end of the session and the examination of the evaluation forms have proved the satisfaction of the students for the programme and offered valuable suggestions of its further improvement.

The choice of topics was appreciated even if some foreign students would have liked a bit more lectures about history, culture and civilisation and those from Lithuania would have liked less lectures oriented toward Lithuanian countries ! But for the majority of the group, all the topics were relevant and presented in a very interesting and proper way.



The students made many positive comments on the team of lecturers, and especially on some of the Lithuanian experts of high level. A few comments concerned the duration of lectures (too long for almost all the students) even if the coffee break organised between the lectures, was very appreciated to take some rest before the following presentation.



A few working groups were part of the program and all the students participated in them enthusiastically. They were very committed and enjoyed the discussions. Interactive lectures and role play situations were highly appreciated as a few students complain about the fact that there could be more tasks to do by themselves to keep their attention, and not only to listen. The students also appreciated relationship with the director of the programme and the partner.

Although the academic programme proved very intensive, there was a good balance between courses and visits. Also free dinner gave the opportunity to explore the city openly and widely. Accommodation in the Corner Hotel, near the University but also not far from the city centre was judged as an excellent location, as this hotel was comfortable and clean, but also because of its excellent breakfast. Everyone highly appreciated the one day excursion organised in Trakai with the participation of an very friendly professional guide.

The opinion was that the opportunity of an academic program and experience of living together with so many representatives of other nationalities will benefit each and everybody in the future.



The students wishing to acquire ECTS Credits were confronted with a jury for an oral exam and during the "Goodby party" organised at the end of the programme, every student received a certificate proving his participation in the programme.



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