

Staff testimonials – Sibiu

Even if it mainly addressed student skills formation, CRE8 Europe was equally wonderful for the staff involved in the project. Developing existing relations with partners, contributing to the creation of project activities, respecting project rules while being creative, motivating students, discovering new cultures and mentalities – each step of the project was a challenge. In the following lines, three of the six members involved in the project from Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu present their thoughts about CRE8 Europe.

“In addition to other ambitious objectives, the project aimed at developing communication skills, cultural exchanges between participants, students and teachers. With the pandemic situation, I was afraid that the relations and the collaboration between the participants would decrease in intensity, but, to my surprise, the project continued online, leading us to wonderful results, indicating that the objectives of the project were fully completed. I thank all the participants for all the pleasant moments we lived together during the project, moments that are the basis of future collaborations.”

Prof. Dan Dumitraşcu

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“The CRE8 Europe model responds to the need to correlate students' / graduates' skills with the needs of the labor market. Focusing on the development of skills appreciated by employers, the main objective of the project is to develop problem-solving skills and creativity among students, encouraging intercultural exchanges and familiarization with different types of cultures. I am convinced that every competence acquired by students in the CRE8 project will contribute to increasing their employability and will help them remain competitive in the labor market. As for me, participating in this project gave me the chance to meet wonderful people: teachers, students, entrepreneurs; to make new friends; to know new cities, interesting cultures; to contribute directly to the development of the students in Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu and not only.”

Prof. Ramona Todericiu

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“CRE8 Europe is a project that should be considered a best practice example by universities worldwide. You may wonder “but how to become part of such a project? “. My answer would be “through international cooperation and friendship”. I have met Karoline, one of Karlstad University project team members in 2014, at the International Week of Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu; 5 years later, we were invited to be part of CRE8 Europe. Without any doubt, we accept and soon meet our colleagues from

Norway and Spain as well. The past 3 years proved how students' formation extends beyond the university borders and how, by taking advantage of each international partner's unique culture and knowledge, we can develop strong, multidisciplinary and international competences for our students. I am sure that for all the students involved in the project, CRE8 Europe was a breath of fresh air, especially during the peculiar period of pandemic, allowing them to experience challenges, cultures and friendship; for me, as project member, CRE8 Europe meant transforming colleagues into friends, other countries into second home, learning new administrative and teaching practices and getting inspired in how student life can be developed through extracurricular activities.

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