

**Erasmus+ programmas mobilitātes dalībnieku pieredze 2020. gadā
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Mobilitātes veids: docēšanas mobilitāte

Holding the position of Vice-Rector for Science and International Cooperation at EKA University of Applied Sciences, the main goal to participate in this mobility was to check the process of organizing of virtual mobilities in order to share experience with colleagues.

The cooperation with Vilnius Tech (Vilnius Gediminas Technical University) has started long period ago. I visit this University almost every year, not only within Erasmus+ programme activities.

As for virtual mobility, it is a new experience, but the lecture itself does not differ from online lectures at home institution. The important issue for mobility participants is the difference in usage of e-platforms for lectures. I would suggest all my colleagues to spend time in advance to clarify all the technical questions and to make a technical test.

Due to the fact that I had the lecture with a group of students in the study course conducted by my trusted colleague and friend – I was not experienced any inconvenience. The lecture was organized in Zoom (we use Moodle BigBlueButton at EKA). Zoom is a user-friendly platform, but in a free version it has a huge disadvantage – the session maximal duration is 40 minutes, and then you should open it again. Fortunately, it was agreed that for my lecture the paid version of Zoom will be used, and I did not have such a problem. But, once again, everything should be clarified and discussed in advance. The very important aspect – the participation of the representative of the host institution at the lecture, because in case of technical problems, a colleague can help you.

The general conclusion is that virtual mobility cannot replace physical mobility. Communication with students is very limited. Besides, being at partner institution it is possible to communicate also with colleagues, to discuss the questions that is difficult to discuss via e-mail, and etc. The value added of physical mobility is much higher.

However, being limited with COVID-19 situation, we will definitely use virtual mobilities at EKA, because it is still a tool for improving skills in working with foreign audience.