

Erasmus+

GTU Representatives STT Mobility at UBI

On 23 - 27 May, 2022, GTU representatives: Prof. Ana Kobiashvili from the Faculty of Informatics and Control Systems; Head of the Exam and e-learning recourses Center, Prof. Taliko Zhvania and Head of the department of exam processes and e-learning systems, Assoc. Prof. Tamari Kupreishvili visited Beira Interior University – UBI in Portugal under the Erasmus+ mobility project for training activities.

UBI or Universidade da Beira Interior is located in the city of Kovelha and was founded in 1979. The name of the university is connected with the historical Beira region, which was famous for the production of wool, which was reflected in the university curricula and is the pride of the university museum.

Kovelha currently has a population of 45,000, of which 10,000 are students at Beira Interior University. The university has all three forms of teaching and teaches medical sciences, biomedical sciences, mathematics, physics, informatics, civil engineering, social sciences, arts. Joana Fernandez from the UBI International Department warmly welcomed guests from GTU, introduced them to their work schedule, talked to them about Beira University and the town of Kovelha, giving some tips to get to know the university and the city better.

The first meeting was with an online examination team of the Faculty of Medical Sciences led by the president of the Faculty, Prof. Rui Pedro Costa. The faculty has been using the online examination system for many years. So, they could easily handle the challenges of Covid-19. Their university-developed platform reduces the time it takes for professors to prepare for exams, provides fairer assessments of students, and performs psychometric validation automatically. In addition, the test results are statistically processed and analyzed.

Prof. Rui Pedro Costa presented faculty exam center to the Georgian colleagues, its structure, learning and exam platforms, and, the Halls for the Examination. They had three Halls for examination (a maximum capacity of 300 places).

Georgian colleagues talked about the examination system introduced in GTU. The conversation was highly constructive. Both sides were interested in the experience of the other side and discussed many details of the distance learning and the operation of the e-Examination Center.

The second meeting took place with the President of the Faculty of Engineering, Prof. Mario Freire, His research interests include computer systems and networks, infrastructural visualization, cloud systems, cyber security.

Prof. Mario Freire showed his guests the lecture and laboratory infrastructure of the Department of Computer Science, the library, and briefly told about students activities. Book booths were especially interesting, where it is possible to order literature online and after some time the student goes to the booth and receives the ordered book in library mode.

Prof. Mario Freire organized the training in cloud technologies and talked about his long-period experience, while Georgian Professors shared about the teaching process in this area at GTU.

Mobility visit included cultural-educational part as well and GTU representatives had the opportunity to visit the Wool Museum of the University of Beira Interior; historical and cultural sights of Covilha, including the city of Castello Branco near Kovelha, which is considered to be the heart of Portugal. The city is very beautiful with old Catholic temples and a wonderful park.

The last two days of the visit were spent on the sightseeing in Lisbon, the capital of Portugal. Georgian Professors traveled to the beautiful city of Sintra near Lisbon, home to the extreme western point of Europe. They visited the Sintra Palace, the Pena Palace, the Moorish Fortress and the Capuchin Monastery. An unforgettable impression was made by the city itself with its red tiled roofs, narrow streets, old-fashioned trams, strange ups and downs, and the Atlantic Ocean.



Meeting in an International Office



Beira Interior University



Booth-library



Meeting with Dr. Rui Costa at the Faculty of Health Sciences



At the entrance of the university



Examination center of the university



In the hall of university



In the International Office



Meeting with Dr. Mario Freire at the Faculty of Computer Sciences