

ERMIScom LTT C2- Learning, Teaching & Training Activity HELSINKI, 13 to 20 November 2022

From a student's point of view

ERMIScom International Learning, Teaching & Training workshop week was held between 14th and 19th of November on Metropolia University of Applied Sciences Arabia's campus. The goal of the short course was to pilot and test all of the IOs (IO1 to IO7) in a joint manner, simulating the whole master curriculum in an intensive & interdisciplinary way. The participants of the course were the Professors from several universities around Europe, who have been creating the curriculum and teaching materials for the ERMIScom project, and their students from the universities. During the week the Professors held lectures and group exercises concerning the IOs and involved the students in the discussions by letting the students show their interests and knowledge through presentations and open discussions in the classroom. After the official lectures there were organized voluntary free time activities held for every day of the week.

From a student's point of view the ERMIScom International Learning, Teaching & Training week was very eye opening when it comes to studying and working in a modern field of media. Diversity and inclusivity are as large of a branch of industry as they are still lacking in the modern workplaces. It feels like the vulnerable groups are being talked about a lot, yet concrete actions are seen very little. During our visit to Finnish Journalist Union and Vikes it was very lovely to learn that especially Vikes is doing a lot to include vulnerable groups in media all around the world. Our visit gave me confidence and trust for a more emphatic and diverse field of media.

Doing group exercises and having discussions with the other students as well as the teachers in the ERMIScom group was also very motivating as well as heartwarming. Even though we didn't share the same mother language we all had the same concerns about the vulnerable groups and diversity in our home countries as well as in the whole world. It was truly motivating to work in an environment where everyone had the same passion towards the matters and were sharing knowledge freely and without preconceptions. I had many eye-opening conversations even after the lessons with students from other countries while we were seeing the beautiful yet cold center of Helsinki.

Having workshops and courses such as ERMIScom International Learning, Teaching & Training is very needed in university studies. Especially in media studies since media is the people's way to communicate, inform and share - and it wouldn't be that if it didn't also include the people in more vulnerable positions.

I'm thankful for the opportunity to get to know all the wonderful people attending this workshop and to get to learn and discuss today's important matters.

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