

BIP 2027 (Blended Intensive Programme) - Social Work Promoting Comprehensive Security

2027 Venue: Savonia University of Eastern Finland (Kuopio)

Date of Foreign Visit: 5. 4. 2027 - 9. 4. 2027

Topic: Social Work Promoting Comprehensive Security

How can social work strengthen resilience, inclusion, and safety in an increasingly uncertain world?

This international Erasmus+ BIP course explores the vital role of social work in promoting comprehensive security and societal resilience. Students will examine how social services, community support, and preventive interventions contribute to individual and collective well-being during everyday life, crises, and social disruptions.

Through collaborative learning, case studies, workshops, and international teamwork, participants will gain insights into how different countries address social vulnerability, exclusion, and emerging security challenges. The course highlights the importance of multidisciplinary cooperation, ethical decision-making, and community-based approaches in building safe and resilient societies.

What you will learn

- Understand the concept of comprehensive security and the role of social work within it.
- Identify social factors that influence safety, resilience, and community well-being.
- Explore methods for supporting vulnerable individuals and groups during crises and disruptions.
- Compare international social work practices and policies.
- Develop collaborative solutions to contemporary social and security challenges.

Learning approach

The programme combines virtual collaboration with an intensive face-to-face week, creating opportunities for intercultural learning, networking, and practical problem-solving in an international environment.

Who should participate?

The course is designed for social work and social services students who are interested in community well-being, social resilience, crisis preparedness, and international cooperation.

Together, we will explore how social work contributes to safer, stronger, and more resilient communities across Europe.

ÚSP FF UHK Participation Instructions and Recruitment Criteria Information

The aim is to show social work students the diverse approaches, target groups and social problems of participating universities in other EU countries. Students will have the opportunity to create new contacts as a basis for solidarity. They will also have the opportunity to develop intercultural knowledge, values and skills.

The secondary goal is to enable students to experience short-term mobility abroad and to motivate them to participate in long-term study or practical mobility within the Erasmus Mobility Programme.

Students will have the opportunity to discuss ideas of diversity in social work and work with marginalized groups. Students will also visit organizations working with marginalized/diverse groups and enrich their understanding through peer-to-peer interactions.

Participating universities

1. Mykolas-Romeris-Universitāt (Vilnius)
2. Frankfurt University of Applied Sciences (Frankfurt)
3. University of Hradec Králové (Hradec Králové)
4. Savonia University of Eastern Finland (Kuopio) - program coordinator for 2027
5. University of Latvia (Riga)

The language of the BIP activities is exclusively English.

Participation in the BIP consists of participation in group online meetings; group preparation of presentations on topics discussed at online meetings; personal trip abroad - Kuopio, Finland (6 students from the Institute of Social Work in the period 5 - 9 April 2027); participation in evaluation activities, including an online evaluation meeting.

List of Main BIP 2027 Activities

- 26. 2. 2027 (Friday) On-line Meeting (10:00 - 11:00) all BIP participants
- 18. 3. 2027 (Thursday) On-line Meeting (10:00 - 11.00) all BIP participants
- 5. - 9. 4. 2027 Kuopio, Finland (1 week foreign study for 6 students of ÚSP FF UHK)
- 16. 4. 2027 Evaluation on-line meeting of all BIP participants

Financial Contribution to Foreign Stay

The amount of the **contribution is €79/day + transportation allowance** (to be specified by the International office of the Philosophical faculty UHK).

The student pays for transport, travel insurance, accommodation and food from the contribution. Recommendation: Sharing accommodation (e.g. Air BNB) can significantly reduce costs for students. In some cases, meals (typically main lunch) will be provided as part of joint activities at the host university.

The UHK will not provide either transportation or accommodation for students. The coordinating Savonia University in Finland is committed to providing a list of recommended accommodations with regard to the distance to the university and quality/price.

Participants of a foreign stay (Kuopio, Finland) BIP 2027 from the ÚSP FF UHK

Please **send your applications in the form of an e-mail formulated in your own words to the secretariat of the ÚSP FF UHK: jana.popelakova@uhk.cz, no later than 30.10.2026**. The e-mail also includes your possible declaration of your language level in English at the B1 level.

Criteria for the selection of participants - Point assessment (default value is 0, priority of criteria in the order indicated):

- 1st year students (+ 2 points); 2nd year students (+ 1 point); 3rd year students (0 points)
- previous participation in a foreign stay within the BIP (minus 1 point)
- credit in the STAG system for active participation in the HDSP conference (volunteering) organized by the ÚSP FF in the current academic year or in previous years (+1 point)
- Declaration of achievement of the language level in English at the B2 level (+1 point) (in case of equal points amongst the participants, it may be required to prove the language level with a certificate).

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Alternates:			
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Selection Committee: Mgr. Jan Hloušek, Ph.D.; PhDr. Martin Smutek, PhD.

In Hradec Králové 8. 10. 2026