



SECOND WELCOME EVENT
INCOMING INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PELOPONNESE

The welcome event for incoming international undergraduate and postgraduate students at the University of the Peloponnese (UoP) for the winter semester of the 2024-2025 was completed with great success on Thursday, October 17, 2024, at Tripoli's Officers Club.

At the second welcome event organized by UoP, there was a large and enthusiastic participation of incoming students from universities of 15 countries (from Europe, Asia, North & South America) within the framework of the Erasmus+ Program (European & international mobility), and the European University Alliance EUNICE, who study at the UoP Schools in Tripoli, Kalamata, Korinthos, Nafplio, Patras, and Sparti. This enthusiastic participation reflects the impressive increase in the number of incoming international students at UoP, compared to previous years, which confirms the University's remarkable course of internationalization in this field.

The participating students who made their presence felt in the city of Tripoli, had the opportunity to get to know each other and discuss issues related to their studies, their adaptation to the Greek academic community and the local community.

The program of the event included, among others, an excellent guided tour in English, at the Archaeological Museum of Tripoli by the archaeologist and employee of the Antiquities Tax Office of Arcadia, Mr. Th. Christofilos, where the rich collections of finds from excavations in various locations of Arcadia were presented from the Neolithic period up to Late Antiquity.

Afterwards, a lunch followed, in a particularly welcoming place, at the Tripoli Officers' Club, during which the Commander of the IV Infantry Division Major General Apostolos Tsoulouvis, the Rector of the University Professor Athanassios Katsis, the Vice-Rector of Administrative Affairs, International Relations and Outreach, Professor Efthalia (Elia) Chatzigianni & the Vice-Rector of Finance and Electronic Government, Professor Efstratios Tzirtzilakis. As part of the event, commemorative gifts were also given to the incoming students and prizes to the winners of the Erasmus+ Quiz (as part of the celebration of the ERASMUS+ Days 2024) and EUNICE Competitions and Games (virtual escape room "Code Europa" contest).

The event was graced by the presence of the representative of the Italian Embassy for N. Peloponnese, Mr. M. Boicelli, the academic Coordinators Erasmus+ and EUNICE of UoP, Mr. Ar. Vogopoulou, M. Galani, M. Kotzamani, D. Margaritis, Al. Michopoulos, Ath. Papadimitriou, V. Pouloupoulos, M. Rondou, M. Fefes, Em. Choustoulakis, members of the educational, research & administrative staff of the University, executives and elected officials of Local Government Organizations of the Peloponnese, Communication executives of European and local bodies, representatives of local businesses that support the mission of the University, as well as journalists of all local media.

The event was organized by the Deputy Head of International Relations Office of the University, Mrs. Paraskevi Haida with the contribution of UoPs Erasmus+ offices in Kalamata (Ms. S. Bambali), Nafplio (Ms. V. Yonas) and Patras (Mr. G. Inglesis), as well as the EUNICE UoP Team (Mr. V.K. Kalogeropoulou). The work of all the above units of the University is coordinated and strengthened by the responsible Vice Rector of Administrative Affairs, International Relations and Outreach, Professor Efthalia (Elia) Chatzigianni.

Special thanks for the cooperation and congratulations to the Director of the Tripoli Guard Officers' Club, Lieutenant (TX) P. Chatzigiannis and all those who provided undivided assistance throughout the event.

It is worth mentioning the significant contribution of all Erasmus+ and EUNICE Academic Coordinators of UoP in this successfully completed event and their important contribution to plan and implement high quality mobility activities, under the coordination of the relevant UoPs Vice-Rector.

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