

Invitation to the Erasmus International Staff Week on "Hosting Across Cultures: From Awareness to Empathy and Effective Action" at LIUC -Università Carlo Cattaneo, (Italy)

Dear colleagues,

We are pleased to invite you to the Erasmus International staff Week, which will be held at Università Carlo Cattaneo-LIUC from 04th to 08th May 2026.

This year's theme is:

"Hosting Across Cultures: From Awareness to Empathy and Effective Action."

The event is primarily aimed at colleagues working in:

- International Relations Offices
- International Student Welcome Offices
- Student Services or Career Services with international activities

Core Objectives

1. Increase awareness of one's own cultural habits and attitudes
2. Improve communication between students and international staff
3. Manage complex intercultural student situations more effectively
4. Develop empathy and active listening

Expected Outcomes

Participants will leave with practical tools and shared insights into how culture shapes communication, belonging, and partnerships — not merely that "differences exist," but how to *notice, interpret, and navigate* them with empathy and effectiveness

Registration/participation fee: EUR 122 (vat included).

- The registration fee is a contribution to cover part of the administrative costs
- Registration/participation fee is not refundable.
- Accepted participants will be informed about bank details and deadline for payment at a later stage.
- Accommodation and travel expenses to and in Castellanza must be covered by participants.

In order to have a real international group, we will limit the participation to this week to 1-2 participants per country. The group will be composed by 8 up to a maximum of 20 participants, so hurry up to secure your place!

If you come from one of our partner universities within the Erasmus+ programme, you can ask for funding to the International Office of your University. The Erasmus+ funds for staff training will cover travel, meals and accommodation expenses.

Hotel: we suggest to book the room at the HOTEL PALACE LEGNANO (<https://www.palacehotellegnano.com/>) it is very closed to the University

When you book you can mention that you are a LIUC professor to have a discount.

Otherwise, you can check the [Airbnb website](#), where you can find other accommodation options very close to the university.

We are confident that your participation will greatly enrich the event and provide valuable opportunities to establish new relationships and collaborations in the international context.

[Here](#) the registration form that we kindly ask you to complete by 22nd December 2025

For any additional information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact as by email: staffweek@liuc.it

Hoping to welcome you to our institution, we extend our warmest regards.