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**WELCOME TO THE BLENDED
INTENSIVE PROGRAMME!**



University of Rijeka, Croatia

15/09/2025 – 19/09/2025

Inspired by the spirit of Professor Balthazar, the extraordinary scientist from a popular Croatian cartoon whose inventions enhance the lives of his town's residents, we created the BIP programme „Professor Balthazar's Lab of Active Citizenship”. The name of Professor Baltazar has become synonymous with innovation and a commitment to community improvement, embodying the values on which this programme is founded. Less known is that the animated town where Professor Balthazar lives and works was inspired by the city of Rijeka and its architecture, spirit of openness, and social diversity. This connection encouraged us to think beyond conventional naming of the programme and to anchor the programme in a local cultural reference that resonates globally. **Professor Balthazar's Lab of Active Citizenship** reflects the values of creativity, solidarity and civic engagement and pays tribute to Rijeka as a symbolic stage or *laboratory* for practicing active citizenship skills.

The main objective of the programme is to empower students to become active, engaged, and responsible citizens who promote the principles of democracy, social responsibility, sustainability, and social justice.

Inspiration



Important information:

Name of the programme: Professor Balthazar's Lab of Active Citizenship

BIP ID number: **2025-1-HR01-KA131-HED-000307188-1**

Dates of virtual part of BIP: 30/06/2025 and 01/09/2025

Dates of physical part of BIP: 15/09/2025 – 19/09/2025

Main language: English

Type of BIP participants: Students: Bachelor, Master and Doctoral

Field of education / ISCED code: 01 Education

Number of ECTS Credits: 3 ECTS

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On ZOOM...

The virtual part of the programme also serves for disseminating the guidelines for participation. In the virtual component, students will receive assignment instructions and guidelines for engaging with the literature, which will prepare them for active participation in the physical part of the programme.

To ensure a smooth and productive experience, participants will be informed about technical requirements, communication protocols (familiarize themselves with the virtual learning platform), and the programme's schedule.



Important!

1ST online meeting: 30/06/2025 / Monday

2ND online meeting: 01/09/2025 / Monday

Expected time: 14:00 – 17:00 CET

Online platform: ZOOM
(link will be send by e-mail few days earlier)

In Rijeka...

During the programme, participants will actively exercise participation in democratic life by engaging in critical discussions on societal challenges such as democracy, social inequalities, and educational equity by collaboratively proposing solutions aimed at fostering inclusive, participatory practices within education and their broader communities. By connecting students from Croatia, Serbia, Austria, Norway (and potentially other interested countries) the programme cultivates a transnational learning community in which participants develop transversal competencies, such as critical thinking, intercultural dialogue and collaborative problem-solving which is essential for democratic participation and for initiating meaningful educational and social change.

The programme will also include activities such as visits to local NGO-s, museums, and cultural centres (etc.) to foster the integration of theoretical knowledge with practical experiences.

These activities will offer students the chance to engage with cultural heritage, fostering a deeper understanding of the social and cultural contexts integral to the programme.

A more detailed preliminary programme will be presented at the first online meeting.



Programme venue:



University of Rijeka / University campus Trsat

Congress Center of the University of Rijeka - “Aquarium”
Radmile Matejčić 5, 51000 Rijeka, Croatia



Accommodation at the [Trsat Student Dormitory](#) will be provided free of charge to all international / non-local participants.

More details at our first virtual meeting!



**We're looking
forward to
meeting you all
in Rijeka!**



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