The results and main achievements of international cooperation within the Research for Innovative Practices in Emergency Management of Erasmus Community (RIPEC) Project were discussed by its participants at a final meeting in the Czech Republic. The conference was hosted by Jan Evangelista Purkyňe University in Ústí nad Labem. Five partners from European Union - Italy, Spain, Greece, the Czech Republic and Poland - presented their planning of further steps in the Project’s sustainable development.

RIPEC allowed to collect significant experience, the most effective practices for mobility management in emergency situations. The project partners have prepared a Blueprint on Erasmus innovative mobility management in case of emergency for students and staff.

Whereby the joint discussion of the needs, expectations, objectives of students and staff, it was possible to develop an innovative procedure and related supporting tools for managing Erasmus mobility in case of emergency. The new tools will help build trust and effective communication between Erasmus participants in force majeure circumstances.

The students and staff survey results as well as a series of video interviews, with regard to their experience to organize the study and work during COVID-19 pandemic impacting on mobility management, formed the basis for the development of a special E-platform and mobile app, which greatly simplify communication in emergency situations while accomplishing Erasmus programme.

An additional value that ensures sustainable development is a Web Forum for public discussion of current Project issues. This resource is moderated by partners and open to all interested stakeholders.

The achieved RIPEC outputs expand the possibilities of working for international cooperation departments and Erasmus offices in higher educational institutions.

The University of Tuscia was represented in the Czech Republic by Prof. Andrea Colantoni, the RIPEC Project Responsible Coordinator at UNITUS, and Dr. Carlo Contardo, the University of Tuscia Head of Mobility and International Cooperation Office.
“Within the framework of the RIPEC Project, we have built an excellent network of cooperation, which promotes the internationalization of universities and helps to properly organize international mobility on the Erasmus Programme, in which the University of Tuscia takes an active part,” emphasized the RIPEC Project Responsible Coordinator at UNITUS, Prof. Andrea Colantoni.

“The University of Tuscia is very active in cooperation with European universities under the Erasmus Programme. The innovative results of the RIPEC Project help us to develop and expand international collaboration in education and science,” said Dr. Carlo Contardo, Head of Mobility and International Cooperation Office UNITUS.

All results and additional information are available on the official website of the Project at the following link: https://www.ripec-project.eu/

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RIPEC means Research for Innovative Practices in Emergency Management of Erasmus Community the Project was co-funded by the European Union under the Erasmus+ Programme, Key Action 203 – Strategic partnership for higher education. It aimed at gathering experiences of university staff and students with the purpose of recognizing the main challenges and identifying innovative solutions for Erasmus mobility in case of emergency.

RIPEC united 6 universities from the European Union countries, such as Carolina Albasio University (Italy), University of Tuscia (Italy), Jan Evangelista Purkyně University in Ústí nad Labem (Czech Republic), University of Cádiz (Spain), Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences (Greece), and Higher School of Social and Media Culture in Toruń (Poland).

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