

BLENDDED INTENSIVE PROGRAMME

University of Rijeka, Croatia 15/09/2025 – 19/09/2025

Professor Balthazar's Lab of Active Citizenship

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 program "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 program 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 program 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 program is to empower students to become active, engaged, and responsible citizens who promote the principles of democracy, social responsibility, sustainability, and social justice.

Important information:

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
Venue of physical part of BIP:	University of Rijeka, Croatia
Main language:	English
Type of BIP participants:	Students: Bachelor, Master and Doctoral
Number of ECTS Credits Awarded:	3 ECTS
Application form:	https://forms.office.com/e/qyjrMQg4eG
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