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Project Summary

The International Master in Adult Education for Social Change (IMAESC) is a joint master's degree delivered and awarded by the following consortium: the University of Glasgow (Scotland), the University of Malta, University of Maynooth (Ireland), the Open University of Cyprus and Tallinn University (Estonia). Students will complete three mandatory mobility periods within Europe and can choose between two study tracks 'Community Engagement and Education' or 'Critical Issues, Policy and Curriculum'. Additionally, this two-year programme (240 SCQF/120 ECTS) also has a Summer School in Malaysia focused on sustainability and peace studies and opportunities for summer internships through the Associate partners, linking to the world of work. Adult education has been recognised in Europe as a critical element in addressing challenges pertaining to employment, research and innovation, climate change and energy, education and combating poverty. A concern about social inequality and a belief that adult educators can contribute to social change based on smart, sustainable and inclusive growth is the driving force behind the creation of IMAESC. This programme draws on the strengths of each member of the consortium to deliver a curriculum that aims to enable people to work with adults effectively and competently in changing socially diverse contexts. This results in IMAESC being a relevant, ground-breaking joint degree that engages with and responds to key issues of our time, such as social inequality, migration, intercultural cooperation and collaboration and sustainable development. Employability is a major focus of the programme and IMAESC aims to promote fair, open and democratic societies to sustain growth and employment. Therefore work based placements are an integral part of the programme and students are matched with placement partners for the duration of each mobility period (Glasgow, Malta or Maynooth and Tallinn). Students also work with the Estonian Adult Education Association, the only credentialed national association for adult educators in Europe and map their experience to the Estonian Competency Framework which allows students to crystallise their learning gained through coursework and placements into a recognised EU credential.

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