

Invitation to two Erasmus+ Blended Intensive Programmes at the Police Academy of Lower Saxony in spring 2025

Dear Erasmus+ partners,

dear students,

The Police Academy of Lower Saxony (Germany) is planning to hold two more Erasmus+ Blended Intensive Programmes at two of its study locations next March, and we would like to invite you to participate. Both programmes last one week (the arrival is envisaged for Sunday and the departure for Friday afternoon / evening). They are designed to give students from our Erasmus+ partner institutions the opportunity to get to know the police and police training in Lower Saxony, to take part in practical police training with our experienced police trainers, to learn about current police-related topics in lectures / presentations and to network with our police students and students from the other European countries. Since criminals do not stop at European borders, we believe that it is becoming increasingly important for security organisations in Europe to work together. Both programmes will take place in English so that students can also prepare linguistically for a Europe that is increasingly growing together in terms of policing.

Specifically, we are planning the following international weeks for police students:

- 1) 10-14 March 2025: an international week at our study location Nienburg (near Hannover)
- 2) 17-21 March 2025: an international week at our study location Oldenburg (university town near the North Sea)

Both events will be equivalent in content (e.g. in terms of the relationship between practice, theory and excursions / cultural programme) and include the following items:

- Presentation of police training and the police in Lower Saxony and police cooperation with the other German federal states
- Visits to police training sessions for students in Lower Saxony and practical training together with the other international police students (e.g. weapon handling, defence and arrest techniques, extrication from cars, traffic stops, house searches)
- Possibilities for using XVR technology in police training (in the form of computer-simulated training scenarios, virtual reality)
- Presentations (in English) on current topics such as domestic violence, cold cases, cybercrime, undercover investigations, child/youth crime and legalisation of cannabis in Germany (depending on availability of speakers on the individual topics)
- Visits to police stations and police facilities in the region (e.g. police inspectorates, riot police, police dogs)
- Excursions and joint activities (e.g. to Hannover or the coast, pizza evenings, visit to the police museum, sports, etc.)

The Police Academy of Lower Saxony will provide accommodation and meals during the two weeks. Since we do not have guest rooms at our study locations in Nienburg and Oldenburg, we have reserved rooms in hostels in Nienburg and Oldenburg for this purpose.

Accommodation will be in (single-sex) double rooms and there are about 26 places available

for international students per week. We therefore need to distribute the registered students evenly over the two weeks. Students' travel expenses are to be financed by Erasmus+ funds from the sending police colleges or academies.

We will give priority to students who have not yet attended the Police Academy of Lower Saxony when allocating the places.

After completing the two Blended Intensive Programmes, all students who actively participated will receive a certificate of attendance and 3 ECTS credits. To receive these, students are required to participate in a short video conference before or after the Blended Intensive Programmes, which is designed to help students get to know each other or debrief on the two weeks. We will announce the date and a MS Teams link for the meeting in good time beforehand.

We look forward to your (student) registrations!

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