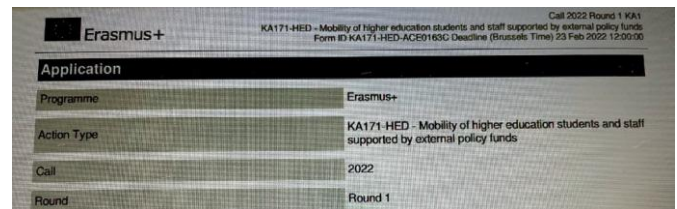


THEME 1 – Social issue – contemporary challenges in public policies

Between November 23 and December 5, Professor Professor Maria Lúcia Teixeira Garcia carried out a work mission at the University of Humak (Finland) with the objective of signing a cooperation agreement and identifying public notices for the submission of joint research proposals.

With meetings with the rectory and administrative sectors, the mission provided: signing of a cooperation agreement (available on UFES's International Office website), joint submission of a proposal to the Erasmus+ public notice (finished in February 2022), and beginning of discussion for a joint proposal for the Capacity Building public notice. In addition, other partnerships between

courses at Ufes and Humak are being raised by other departments.



Proposal submitted to the Erasmus+ public notice

UFES's International Office (SRI) met a few times, virtually, with a staff member from the University of Humak to prepare a proposal for the Erasmus+ Public Notice. The action provides funding for mobility of professors, students, and staff from both universities.



Meetings with colleagues from Humak University, UFES, and Robert Gordon University



Jyväskylä Campus

Aberdeen

In February, it was Professor Maria Lúcia's turn to carry out a work mission at Robert Gordon University (Aberdeen, Scotland). The activities involved meetings with the rectory and the department responsible for co-tutorship (cotutelle) and double degrees, classes with students from the Social Work course, meeting with colleagues from the Departments of Social Service, Public Health,

and Architecture, in addition to meetings with the sector responsible for public notices and cooperations.

The activities were fruitful and the arrangements for cotutelle were successful. The agenda for new meetings and the signing of agreements for those are ongoing.



Professor Maria Lucia (UFES) teaches a class in the Social Work course at Robert Gordon University.

Partnerships

Furthermore, UFES's International Office met virtually with a staff member from Robert Gordon to plan a virtual event together, with the aim of establishing new partnerships among researchers and expanding relationships to other areas of knowledge. The event is scheduled to take place in April/May 2022.

"It has been an absolute pleasure to have your contributions throughout your stay with colleagues and students across Social Work, Sociology and allied Health professionals. Additionally, I am also really pleased with the progress we made on the negotiations to establish a joint PhD course of study, as well as developing research collaborations across a variety of disciplines across both our institutions." (Gary Spolander, Social Service professor and Capes PrInt partner).

"A quick message to say how much we have valued and enjoyed you being with us. Your time here has flown and clearly has been very productive at the university, school and co-authoring levels which is an increasingly rare combination! There is much we can take forward and I hope this visit is one of many in a growing relationship between our schools and interests." (Stephen Vertigans, RGU).

This mission also resulted in activities that will extend over the next few years.



Meeting with Stephen Vertigans, Gary Spolander, Maria Lucia T. Garcia, and Nick Fyfe.