

## ERASMUS STAFF TRAINING WEEKS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CYPRUS

In the context of the LLP/Erasmus Staff Mobility Program for the exchange of personnel for training, the University of Cyprus organized successfully three Erasmus staff Training weeks for administrative staff from European Universities in the years 2011, 2012 and 2013.

### 1<sup>ST</sup> ERASMUS STAFF WEEK

The first Erasmus training week, took place between the 6<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> June 2011 with 28 participants from 10 European countries. More specifically administrative staff from various services of universities in Poland, Romania, Estonia, France, Finland, Greece, Spain, Austria, Slovakia, and Czech Republic, attended a five-day training at the University of Cyprus. During the week of training, both the guests and the administrative staff of the University of Cyprus who took part exchanged information and attended sessions and participated in cultural events such as a traditional dinner and an excursion.



### 2<sup>ND</sup> ERASMUS STAFF WEEK

The second Erasmus training week, took place between the 11<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> June 2012 with 33 participants from 13 European countries. The participants came from universities in Poland, Slovenia, Latvia, Hungary, Spain, Germany, UK, Croatia, Italy, Czech Republic, Austria, Estonia and France. During the week of training, both the guests and the administrative staff of the University of Cyprus who took part exchanged information and attended sessions and participated in cultural events such as a guided tour in the archaeological museum of Nicosia and the old town and an excursion to Larnaca. The new feature of the week was the introduction of a Greek language course in order for the participants to get to know the basics of the Greek Language.



### 3<sup>RD</sup> ERASMUS STAFF WEEK

The third Erasmus training week, took place between the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 7th June 2013 with 35 participants from 17 European countries. The participants came from universities in Poland, Estonia, Czech Republic, Lithuania, Finland, Belgium, UK, Croatia, Hungary, Germany, Latvia, France, Portugal, Italy, Austria, Sweden and Spain. During the week of training, both the guests and the administrative staff of the University of Cyprus who took part attended sessions and workshops and participated in cultural events such as a guided tour in the archaeological museum of Nicosia and the old town and an excursion to Larnaca. The Greek language course was offered every day in order for the participants to get to know the basics of the Greek Language. It was a feature of the staff training week that the participants enjoyed very much.



During each staff training week a market place is set up where participants have the chance to network and also taste sweets and specialties from each one's country. Informative material and brochures from each university is also exhibited during the marketplace.

In the all 3 years, the participants had the opportunity to become receivers of experience and good practices at the University of Cyprus, thus gaining new knowledge and skills for their professional development and build up future cooperation through networking. The training was held in the English language. A fourth Erasmus staff week is planned for 2014 between the 28<sup>th</sup> April and the 2<sup>nd</sup> May and it will take place during the ERASMUS congress and Exhibition ERACON 2014.