

INTERNATIONAL STAFF WEEK

2025



TBILISI, GEORGIA

EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY
19-23 MAY

European University is delighted to warmly invite you to the 3rd edition of the Erasmus+ International Staff Week, taking place from May 19th to 23rd, 2025, in the beautiful city of Tbilisi, Georgia.



The week promises a blend of professional networking, knowledge-sharing sessions, and insightful discussions, alongside a wonderful opportunity to immerse yourself in Georgian culture, history, cuisine, and traditions. The official language of the event will be English

A fee of 150 EUR will be required from participants to contribute towards the following services and activities:

- Coffee-breaks
- Lunches
- Welcome Dinner
- Guided City Tour
- Day Trip to Kakheti



We look forward to the opportunity to welcome you to Tbilisi and to share this enriching experience with you!

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

Day 1 - Welcome to Georgia

09:30 - 10:00 | Registration and Welcome Coffee
10:00 - 10:15 | Official Opening and Welcome Speech
10:15 - 10:45 | Our University Story
10:45 - 11:30 | Interactive Meet & Greet
11:30 - 11:45 | Coffee Break
11:45 - 13:00 | Around the World in 60 Minutes: Partner University Spotlights
13:00 - 14:00 | Lunch Break
14:00 - 15:00 | Discovery Walk: Campus Unveiled
19:00 - Taste of Georgia: Welcome Feast

Day 2 - Building Bridges: Strategic Internationalization

10:00 - 11:30 | Horizons Without Borders: Future of Higher Education (TBD)
11:30 - 11:45 | Coffee Break
11:45 - 13:00 | International Speed Networking
13:00 - 14:00 | Lunch Break
14:00 - 15:30 |
16:30 | City Tour

Day 3 - Innovation & Impact

10:00 - 11:30 | "Digital Revolution: AI Tools in Erasmus Mobility Management"
11:30 - 11:45 | Coffee Break
11:45 - 13:00 | Interactive Workshop: Navigating HEI Internationalization Challenges
13:00 - 14:00 | Lunch Break
14:00 - 15:30 | Workshop: "Funding Future: Mastering Erasmus Project Proposals"

Day 4 - Day Trip

Day Trip to Kakheti (Artisanal bread making, Traditional churchkhela crafting, Wine heritage experience)

Day 5 - Vision Forward

10:00 - 12:00 | Panel Discussion: Creating a Global Campus (Marketing strategies, international student engagement, cross-cultural integration)
12:00 - 13:00 | Lunch Break
13:00 - 14:00 | Reflection & Vision
14:00 - 14:30 | Achievement Celebration: Certificate Award Ceremony

TBILISI - THE CITY THAT LOVES YOU

Tbilisi, one of Europe's oldest capitals, has been the cultural, political, and economic center of Georgia for fifteen centuries. The historic Old Tbilisi, built during the early Middle Ages, is a must-see for visitors, housing iconic sites such as the 17th-century baths and the religious diversity of Georgian Orthodox, Armenian, Catholic, and synagogues.



The Metekhi Temple, a 13th-century Georgian Orthodox Church, offers breathtaking views of the city. Mtatsminda Park offers a variety of dining options, amusement park rides, and secluded corners for relaxation. Tbilisi Modern style is characterized by its facades and painted entrance halls.



Tbilisi offers a blend of history and modern amenities, with attractions like the daily puppet presentation called The Circle of Life outside Gabriadze's Marionette Theatre.

Georgian cuisine is a unique blend of flavors, with restaurants, cafes, bars, and a dynamic nightlife. Rustaveli Avenue, the city's main thoroughfare, features historic buildings like the Parliament of Georgia, the Opera House, the National Gallery, Rustaveli Theater, the Modern Art Museum, the National Library, and Kashveti Church. The city is also home to multiple monuments, such as the Sameba Cathedral, the Narikala Fortress, the modern Bridge of Peace, the Hall of Justice, and the President's Palace.

TBILISI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Location: 17 km from Tbilisi city center (~40-50 min commute)

Official Website: Tbilisi Airport

Transportation Options

- **Public Bus (#337)**

Stop: In front of the Arrival Hall

Route: Airport ↔ City Center

Fare: 1 GEL (payable via Travel Card, bank cards, Apple Pay, Google Pay)

Operating Hours: 07:00 - 20:15

- **Taxi**

24/7 airport taxi service available

Fare: 40-60 GEL (~20-30 min)

App options: Bolt

Public Transport in Tbilisi

For comprehensive public transport details, visit: [Tbilisi Local Guide](#)

Travel Card Plans (valid for buses & metro):

- 3 GEL - Unlimited travel for 1 day
- 20 GEL - Unlimited travel for 1 week
- Purchase at metro stations or Rike-Narikala cable car station

Taxis

Budget-friendly and available via apps like Bolt, Yandex Go

App bookings allow card payments, while cash may be required for street-hail taxis



HOTEL RECOMMENDATIONS IN TBILISI

International Week Venue

Location: Medical Campus, 17 Sarajishvili Street, Tbilisi, Georgia
Getting There

Metro: Take Line 1 (Akhmeteli-Varketili Line) → Exit at Sarajishvili Station

Bus: From Sarajishvili Metro, take Bus 370 or 381 to the campus
Although the immediate area around the campus doesn't have typical chain hotels and is a bit further from the city center, there are plenty of accommodation options in Tbilisi's central areas. Staying near the city center will offer you the chance to explore the capital's key locations. If you prefer using public transport, we recommend selecting a hotel near a metro station for added convenience. Feel free to choose accommodation that best suits your preferences.

High-end Hotels:

[Rooms Hotel Tbilisi](#)

[Radisson Blu Iveria Hotel](#)

[Hilton Garden Inn Tbilisi
Chavchavadze](#)

[Pullman Tbilisi Axis Towers](#)

Mid-range Hotels:

[ibis budget Tbilisi Center](#)

[Tbilisi See Hotel](#)

[Communal Plekhanovi](#)

[Holiday Inn Tbilisi](#)

[Holiday Inn Express Tbilisi
Avlabari](#)

Budget-friendly Stays:

[Fabrika Hostel & Suites](#)

[New Tiflis Hotel](#)

[MOXY Tbilisi Hotel](#)

PRACTICAL INFORMATION:

Money & tipping

The official currency of Georgia is the Georgian Lari (₾, GEL). Money can be exchanged at banks, currency exchange offices, and hotels, with banks offering the best rates. Credit cards and mobile payments are widely accepted in cities and tourist areas, but cash is still preferred in smaller businesses and remote regions. Tipping is not mandatory but is appreciated, especially in tourist spots.

Opening Hours:

Shops are usually open everyday from 10am to 10pm. There are several options for 24/7 groceries and Pharmacies. Museums usually open from 10 pm to 5:30 pm (last entry) and are closed on Mondays. Additionally, take in mind that public transport operates from 6:00AM to 00:00.

Emergencies:

In case of emergency you can call 112 to contact the fire department, ambulance or the police. You can also install the 112 app which allows you to simply tap on the ambulance, firefighter or police icon depending on what kind of help you need.



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