

**JULY 6-7 2026**

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

# **Kircher Network Meeting of the Group of International Officers**

IGNATIANUM UNIVERSITY  
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# Goals of the meeting

• MEETING OF INTERNATIONAL OFFICERS •

**Exchange experiences and good practices** in international cooperation and identify opportunities for collaboration within the Network.

**Share and discuss lessons learned** from both the organization and participation in **Erasmus Blended Intensive Programmes (BIPs)**, including challenges, successes, and recommendations for future initiatives.

**Advance the preparation of the Erasmus BIP Student Study Week - Ignatian Leadership and Citizenship for a United and Inclusive Europe in a Time of Uncertainty** (Brussels, 2027):

- Review and confirm the proposed academic programme, dates, and logistical arrangements.
- Define participating universities and estimate the number of students to be sent by each institution.
- Define next steps.

**Explore Collaborative Projects for 2027–2028:** Propose and discuss potential joint project initiatives to be developed by the Group in 2027–2028.

- Participants are strongly encouraged to prepare and present preliminary project ideas for discussion, including funding opportunities.
- Participants in the Erasmus BIP Training on Erasmus Opportunities will be encouraged to propose project ideas as part of the training.
- The Kircher Network will also present some potential project ideas (see annex).

\*Welcome Cocktail at Ignatianum University on **Sunday, the 5th, at 19:00** for all arrivals.

Participants of the **Assembly**, the **International Officers Meeting**, and the **ERASMUS BIP Training** will share meals, coffee breaks, social activities, visits, and Eucharistic celebrations.

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WEBSITE OF THE EVENT



# EVENT PROGRAM

• MONDAY, JULY 6TH •

**10:00** Participants gather in the assigned room for the Meeting of the International Officers Group

Moderator of the Monday sessions: [Mayte Lara](#)

- Review of meeting Objectives and Program.
- Brief introduction of participants
- Sharing institutional experiences, good practices and opportunities for collaboration.
  - Presentation of the European Leadership Programme (ELP). Lucia Trubenova (15 minutes).
  - Presentations by participating institutions (10 minutes each, followed by 10 minutes Q&A).

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**11:00** Coffee break

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**11:30** **BIPs - Lessons Learned** - Exchange on experiences from organizing and participating in Erasmus Blended Intensive Programmes (BIPs), focusing on challenges (academic & administrative), success factors, and recommendations for future initiatives.

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**13:00** Lunch at Ignatianum University

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**14:30** **Updates on the Kircher Network and IAJU** developments. Susana Di Trolio, Ph.D. (Executive Secretary, Kircher Network).

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**14:50** Q&A

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**15:00** **Exploring New Collaborative Projects:** Potential joint project initiatives, including funding opportunities, to be developed by the Group in 2027–2028. Participants institutions are expected to briefly present their ideas for joint projects. Join session with the BIP participants.

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**16:30** Coffee break

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**17:00** **Continuation of the session on Exploring Collaborative Projects for 2027–2028:**

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**17:45** **Adjournment for the day**

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**18:00** **Eucharistic**, celebrant: PME Provincial, Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Kopernika 26. (Participation is optional and warmly extended to those who wish to attend).

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**19:30** **Welcome Dinner.** Restaurant “Barka Aquarius” (a barge moored on the Vistula River near the Wawel Hill; Bulwar Czerwieński 81).

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# EVENT PROGRAM

• TUESDAY, JULY 7TH •

- 9:00** Moderator of the Tuesday sessions: Nora LEMOUZY
- Discussion of the project ideas from the Kircher Executive Secretariat (see the annex).
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- 9:30** Advancing the Preparation of the Erasmus BIP Student Study Week in Brussels: Ignatian Leadership and Citizenship for a United and Inclusive Europe in a Time of Uncertainty. Topics to be discussed: See bullet 3 of the Meeting Goals above.
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- 10:30** **Coffee break**
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- 11:00** Wrap-Up Session: Consolidating Agreements and Defining Next Steps
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- 11:45** Time for Networking, Informal Conversations, and Bilateral Exchange
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- 13:00** Lunch at Ignatianum University
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- 14:00** Leaving Ignatianum for the Wawel Hill (around 30 minutes on foot).
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- 15:00** Cultural Visit: Guided tour in two groups starting from the Wawel Hill, then the Royal Way and the Jesuit Heritage on the way to the Main Market Square.
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- 17:00** **Eucharistic, celebrant:** Philip Geister SJ, St. Barbara Jesuit Church, Mały Rynek 8. (Participation is optional and warmly extended to those who wish to attend).
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- 19:00** Closing Dinner. Restaurant “Wiejskie Jadło” (Grodzka 9).
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BASILICA LOCATION



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LOCATION



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# ANNEX

## PROJECT IDEAS FOR THE DISCUSSION FROM THE KIRCHER EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT (2027-2028)

### **1. Erasmus Staff Training on AI and International Education: Exploring the Use of Artificial Intelligence in International Education**

This initiative aims to build capacity across Kircher Network member institutions to effectively use artificial intelligence in their international offices, with particular focus on student, faculty, and researcher mobility, as well as the preparation of funding proposals, project management, and reporting.

#### **Objectives**

- Strengthen institutional capacity to use AI in international education and mobility services.
- Enhance preparation of funding proposals, Erasmus+ project management, and reporting.
- Promote ethical, mission-aligned use of AI in Jesuit higher education contexts.
- Foster peer learning and shared practices across the Network.

#### **Target Audience**

- International Relations Office staff and Erasmus+ coordinators
- Mobility and international project managers
- Institutional leaders involved in internationalization and digital transformation

### **2. Erasmus Blended Intensive Programme for Faculty and Senior Administrators: Strengthening Mission-Driven Leadership in Higher Education**

#### **Key questions for discussion:**

- Is the Erasmus BIP format a replicable model for the Canisius Formation Course on Identity and Mission of Jesuit Higher Education Institutions in Europe?
- Can a joint application be developed for the 2027 edition of the programme?
- Which institution(s) could serve as coordinating institution(s)?

The [Canisius Formation Course](#) on the Identity and Mission of Jesuit Higher Education Institutions follows a hybrid structure (four webinars and a five-day in-person session, including arrival and departure days). It has been hosted in Vienna (first pilot edition, 2025) and at the Sanctuary of Loyola (second edition, Spain, 2026), and will again take place in Loyola this year (third edition). Each cohort includes approximately 18 participants and four lecturers from Kircher Network member institutions. For 2027, alternative locations may be considered if required to meet Erasmus BIP criteria.

### **3. Fostering Collaboration with Saint Joseph University – Beirut (USJ)**

Exploring opportunities to strengthen academic cooperation with Saint Joseph University of Beirut, particularly through Erasmus+ (KA171).

#### **Key issues for discussion:**

- Possibility of supporting faculty and staff mobility from USJ Beirut to participate in Kircher Network academic and training activities.
- Feasibility of including such mobility in upcoming Erasmus+ 2027 KA171 applications.
- Interest and capacity of partner institutions to integrate this mobility into their future Erasmus+ project proposals.



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