

BLENDDED INTENSIVE PROGRAMME

University of Rijeka, Croatia

14/09/2026 – 18/09/2026

Professor Balthazar's Lab of Active Citizenship

Inspired by the spirit of Professor Balthazar, the extraordinary scientist from a popular Croatian cartoon whose inventions enhance the lives of his town's residents, we created the BIP programme "Professor Balthazar's Lab of Active Citizenship". The name of Professor Balthazar has become synonymous with innovation and a commitment to community improvement, embodying the values on which this programme is founded. Less known is that the animated town where Professor Balthazar lives and works was inspired by the city of Rijeka and its architecture, spirit of openness, and social diversity. This connection encouraged us to think beyond conventional naming of the programme and to anchor the programme in a local cultural reference that resonates globally. "Professor Balthazar's Lab of Active Citizenship" reflects the values of creativity, solidarity and civic engagement and pays tribute to Rijeka as a symbolic stage or laboratory for practising active citizenship skills.

The main objective of the programme is to empower students to become **active, engaged, and responsible citizens** who promote the principles of **democracy, social responsibility, sustainability, and social justice**.

During the programme, participants will actively exercise participation in democratic life by engaging in critical discussions on key societal challenges such as democracy, social inequalities, and educational equity, and by collaboratively proposing solutions to foster inclusive, participatory practices within education and their broader communities. By connecting international students, the programme cultivates a transnational learning community in which participants develop transversal competencies, such as critical thinking, intercultural dialogue and collaborative problem-solving, which are essential for democratic participation and for initiating meaningful educational and social change.

The programme will also include activities such as visits to local NGO-s, museums, and cultural centres (etc.) to foster the integration of theoretical knowledge with practical experiences. These activities will offer students the chance to engage with cultural heritage, fostering a deeper understanding of the social and cultural contexts integral to the programme.

Important information:

Name of the programme:	Professor Balthazar's Lab of Active Citizenship
BIP ID number:	to be added additionally
Dates of the virtual part of BIP:	26/06/2026 - from 2 to 5 p.m. (CET) 28/08/2026 - from 2 to 5 p.m. (CET)
Dates of the physical part of BIP:	14/09/2026 – 18/09/2026
Venue of the physical part of BIP:	University of Rijeka, Croatia
Main language:	English
Type of BIP participants:	Students: Bachelor, Master and Doctoral
Number of ECTS Credits Awarded:	3 ECTS
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Application form:	LINK

Organisers/partners:

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