

# NEWSLETTER


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## EXCELLCITY at EURIE 2026: Strengthening International Academic Cooperation

The EXCELLCITY project team participated in the **Eurasia Higher Education Summit (EURIE 2026)**, held from April 7 to 9, 2026, reaffirming its commitment to international academic cooperation and scientific excellence. Recognized as one of the most influential higher education forums globally, EURIE celebrated its **10<sup>th</sup> anniversary edition**, bringing together academic leaders, institutional representatives, and policy makers from across the world.



### Project Representation:

-  **Prof. Tereza Trencheva, PhD** – Vice Rector for Research and International Affairs and Institutional Erasmus+ Coordinator.
-  **Assoc. Prof. Plamen Teodosiev, PhD** – Lecturer in the Department of National and International Security.



### Main Outcomes of Participation

-  Expanded its international academic and institutional network;
-  Initiated discussions for future collaborative research activities and mobility opportunities;
-  Promoted knowledge exchange and dissemination of best practices in smart city innovation and sustainable urban development;
-  Increased the international visibility of the project and its scientific mission.

### International Networking and Collaboration

During April 7–9, the EXCELLCITY team engaged in strategic meetings with representatives of the **Eurasian Universities Union (EURAS)** and leading universities from Türkiye, Albania, Romania, Indonesia, and other Eurasian countries.



Through continuous engagement in international initiatives, EXCELLCITY remains dedicated to advancing scientific excellence and building sustainable frameworks for innovation in the field of smart city development.