

STAFF WEEK

From Your Local Context to the EUNICE Campus: Intercultural Skills for University Staff

26 May - 12 June 2026

Online live / self-study

15 - 19 June 2026

Mons, Belgium



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**INTERCULTURALITY | INTERNATIONALISATION
INTERCOMPREHENSION | INCLUSIVE CAMPUS**

INTRODUCTION

Are you an **admin or academic staff** member of the EUNICE Alliance and want to make that cooperation come alive in your daily work?

This staff week lets you experience **interculturality, intercomprehension and internationalisation** in action through engaging online activities and a short mobility with colleagues from partner institutions. You'll leave with fresh ideas, practical tools and greater confidence to help shape an open and inclusive campus.

PROGRAMME COORDINATORS

COORDINATING UNIVERSITY

- University of Mons (UMONS), Bénédicte Bouchet and Julie Walaszczyk

PARTNER UNIVERSITIES

- Polytechnic Institute of Viseu (IPV)
- Brandenburg University of Technology Cottbus-Senftenberg (BTU)

WHEN & WHERE

DATES

Online preparatory modules

- Tuesday 26 May to Friday 12 June 2026

On site (Mons, Belgium)

- Monday 15 June to Friday 19 June 2026

VENUE

University of Mons, Belgium – Salle Prestige
Place du Parc 22, 7000 Mons

CALENDAR



PREREQUISITES

Admin and academic staff members from one of the ten EUNICE universities:

- Brandenburg University of Technology (BTU)
- Karlstad University (KAU)
- Polytechnic Institute of Viseu (IPV)
- Université Polytechnique Hauts-de-France (UPHF)
- Poznań University of Technology (PUT)
- University of Cantabria (UC)
- University of Catania (UNICT)
- University of Mons (UMONS)
- University of the Peloponnese (UoP)
- University of Vaasa (UVA)

Minimum recommended level of English: B1

HOW TO APPLY

Interested candidates are requested to contact their university's IRO or EUNICE Office:

- Each IRO/EUNICE Office will establish their own internal call;
- UMONS will send all the participants information about the enrolment.



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ONLINE PREPARATORY COURSE

26th May	•	Kick-off meeting (synchronous): <i>Let's Meet!</i> From 10 to 11 am CET
Module 1	•	<i>Interculturality: Cross-Cultural Confidence</i> Asynchronous, self-paced Estimated amount of work: 2 hours
Module 2	•	<i>Intercomprehension: From Guessing to Getting It</i> Asynchronous, self-paced. Estimated amount of work: 2 hours
Module 3	•	<i>Internationalisation: Working Locally with a Global Mindset</i> Asynchronous, self-paced. Estimated amount of work: 2 hours
12th June	•	Pre-mobility meeting (synchronous): <i>Gear up for Mons!</i> Asynchronous, self-paced. From 10 to 11 am CET

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ON-SITE STAFF WEEK

Day 1 - Monday 15th June 2026

- 9.00-9.30: Welcome breakfast
- 9.30-9.45: Opening of the staff week
- 9.45-10.00: Today's plan and the week overview by Bénédicte Bouchet and Julie Walaszczyk, UMONS
- 10.00-12.15: *Stories that Connect: Listen, Learn and Link* introductory session (Bénédicte Bouchet and Julie Walaszczyk, UMONS)
- 12.15 – 13.15: Lunch
- 13.15 – 16.00: *Global Mindset: Intercultural Communication and Intercomprehension Skills* workshop (Isabel Duarte, Anabela Guedes and Isabel Oliveira, IPV)

Day 2 - Tuesday 16th June 2026

- 9.00-9.15: Welcome coffee
- 9.15-9.25: Today's plan and additional information
- 9.25-12.30: *Fostering Inclusive Campus Cultures Through Internationalisation: A Look at the Roles of Teaching Staff and Support Staff* workshop (Karen Gustafsson, Natalie Jellinek and Jennifer Valcke, Karolinska Institutet)
- 12.30-13.30: Lunch
- 13.30-16.30: *Multicultural Inclusion: Self-Awareness for Collective Change* workshop (Dominique Bergiers, Black by Us)
- 16.30-16.40: Instructions for Day 3 (Bénédicte Bouchet and Julie Walaszczyk, UMONS)

Day 3 - Wednesday 17th June 2026

- 9:00-12:00: *Beyond the Map: Rethinking Sightseeing* (exploratory walk in Mons)
- 12:00-12:30: Debriefing
- 14:30-15.30: MUMONS, visit of the University of Mons' museum (optional)

Day 4 - Thursday 18th June 2026

- Day visit to the UNESCO Heritage Site Bois du Cazier in Charleroi on the theme of migration and an afternoon stroll in the surrounding wooded slag heaps.
- Night out (optional): social activity in Mons

Day 5 - Friday 19th June 2026

- 9.30: Welcome coffee
- 9.45-10.00: Today's plan
- 10.00-13.00: *Our Week in Snapshots* collage workshop (Sandra Maor, Les Ateliers Charivari. Coffee break is included during the activity.)
- 13.00-13.10: Wrapping up and closing of the staff week
- 13.10-14.10: Lunch

Afternoon activity (optional): you are invited to attend sessions during the conference titled "The Politics of Intercomprehension", which will take place on the 18th and 19th June 2026 at the Faculty of Translation and Interpretation at UMONS. More information will be provided during the on-site Staff Week.