

i-PLEX Vet Med – Edition 2023

(international Problem-based Learning EXperience in Veterinary Medicine)

PRESENTATION

What is it?

The i-PLEX Vet Med project is an **interactive learning experience**, carried out **in English** on soft skills and knowledge, related to different and interconnected thematic areas of veterinary medicine. The training activity is organized in a **blended modality** with an online phase first, and an in-presence phase after.

- The **online phase** consists in a **virtual exchange** activity (2 hours in synchronous activity and 3-4 hours in asynchronous self-organized activity, for **5 weeks in April-May**) aimed to discuss on controversial topics related to the role of animals in the society. This activity will lead students to know each other and to become familiar with instructors and facilitators.
- The **in-presence phase** consists in an intensive week working face-to-face at the **University of Padova (25-31 July)**. Students will try to solve **two interdisciplinary case studies** in working groups using the **PBL (Problem Based Learning) method**, supported by the constant presence of a **facilitator** (a young expert on the subject). Group activities will be interspersed with **visits to facilities** related to the proposed case studies (see the **Program** for details).

Who can participate?

The project involves the participation of students from **3 European universities** (University of Padova - **Italy**; Universidade do Porto - **Portugal**; Estonian University of Life Sciences, Tartu - **Estonia**), 8 students per university. **Students from 2nd to 5th year can participate** in the project, and they will be organized in **groups of mixed nationality and year**. This year the participation in the course will be open to students from other selected European Universities.

What is recognized?

The **i-PLEX Vet Med** is a course officially inserted in the **Educational offer** AY 2022-2023 of the University of Padova, within the Degree in Veterinary Medicine. Students attending the project will be awarded **6 ECTS as free credits** for attending and passing the activity. Students will be assessed on the basis of their **ability to interact proactively** and effectively during the group work, and through a **multiple-choice test** at the end of the face-to-face intensive week. Students should attend at least **80%** of the activities.

What kind of support can I get?

Students in mobility will receive an **Erasmus grant** – from their own Institution (**70 euro/day**) to cover the international travel and accommodation costs. The **local transfers** related to the training activity, **teaching material** and one **social dinner** will be covered for all participating students by the host University (University of Padova). The host Institution will facilitate the identification of appropriate accommodation for students in mobility.

What else?

The **i-PLEX Vet Med** is a learning experience under many points of view: students will improve their **professional, cultural, linguistic and social competences**. Look the video realized by the students attending the 2022 Edition:

https://mediaspace.unipd.it/media/I+PLEX+Vet+Med%2C+International+Problem+Based+Learning+experience+in+Veterinary+Medicine/1_wlq0iipj/87137901

APPLICATION

Students of the University of Padova can **submit their application** by sending an e-mail to giorgio.marchesini@unipd.it attaching a **motivational letter** by the **6th March 2022 (11.59 pm)**.

The motivational letter must be **in English**, in **.pdf format**, and must include the following information:

- aspects of the project that arouse interest (max 150 words);
- what is expected from this experience (max 150 words);

SELECTION PROCESS AND CRITERIA

The **selection of candidates** will be done by a selection committee composed by at least **3 professors** among those involved in the course, and will be based on the evaluation of the **motivational letter** and an **interview**. The interview is aimed at assessing the English level and the degree of interest of the candidate. The **oral interview** will be held between the **March 13th and 15th (at 3.00 pm)**. Date, time and the instructions for attending the **oral interview (online)** will be communicated to each candidate by e-mail, after the application deadline.

Priority will be given to students who have not yet **benefited from Erasmus grants** and **gender balance** will be taken into account.