

**Intensive Course**  
**“Negotiation and Mediation. Cross-border Dispute Resolution Training**  
**supported by Online Tools”**  
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**Partners:**

**Turiba University, Latvia**  
**University of National and World Economy, Bulgaria**  
**University of Genoa, Italy**  
**University of Graz, Austria**  
**University of Economics, Prague, Czech Republic**  
**Mykolas Romeris University, Lithuania**

Mediation is effective interdisciplinary method (joining legal studies, entrepreneurship, administration and psychology) of dispute settlement widely known in the USA and the Great Britain. However in the continental Europe mediation is just starting its way to success.

The Course is targeted to teach and practically train students on the subject of mediation, which is indeed innovative and multi-disciplinary subject.

During the Course you will have possibility to get general introduction to mediation subject, attend lessons on different sub-topics of mediation, to participate in study visits to different organisations and institutions related to mediation. This year we will explore topic of on-line mediation, communication on-line and organisation of on-line mediation sessions. In frame of the project we develop on-line mediation tool and you will be first who will have possibility to test it.

Also with the help of our local students' government you will have possibility to participate in different free time activities, discover Riga and Latvia.

**About mediation:**

Mediation is effective interdisciplinary method (joining legal studies, entrepreneurship, administration and psychology) of dispute settlement widely known in the USA and the Great Britain.

Although mediation as a method has some historical roots in each country, it is still poorly known in the layers of society subjected to litigation.

Mediation can be used in civil, commercial cases and even in criminal cases during restorative justice process and also in wide spectrum of international cases.

Mediator at all stages remain neutral and impartial, refraining from giving any advices, as the settlement rests on mutual decision of the parties. Mediator encourages the parties to work in close cooperation and organizes the best possible environment for mediation sessions.

Mediator uses special skills and techniques to lead the parties to possible settlement. Open questions, rephrasing, active listening, using of tools for visualization of the elements of conflict are just some of these techniques. Mediators might specialize in some types of disputes, for instance, leading mediation sessions just in Family law or Employment law issues. However regardless of specialization the mediator is not allowed to provide consultations for parties, as that would be contrary to the neutrality principle.

Mediation popularity is growing with each settled case of mediation and with a number of persons participating in mediation sessions. It has high potential to settle disputes in amicable manner and releasing courts from judicial involvement.

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**Target group:** Bachelor and Master students are welcome to apply. Course can be interesting not only for Law students, but also for students from different Social science fields (sociology, psychology, entrepreneurship and management aso.)

**Participants:** 7 - Latvia, 7 - Lithuania, 7 - Austria, 7 – Bulgaria, 7 – Czech Republic, 7 – Italy.

**Teachers:** 3 - Latvia, 2 - Lithuania, 2 – Italy, 1 – Bulgaria and invited Guest speakers

**3 ECTS** credits will be awarded for the completed course.

### **Travel to Riga**

Turiba University will buy for you flight / bus tickets to Riga and back, pick-up service will be organised. Possible travel dates to Riga and back – 1 days before and after the course.

### **Accommodation**

During the course we will provide you accommodation in our students' hostel. It is located just next door to the Turiba University. You will live in 4-bedded rooms.

Please note, hostel is very simple and provides elementary accommodation.

### **Catering**

During the time of the course we will provide catering (breakfast, lunch and dinner) in students' canteen, which is located in the campus of Turiba.

### **Other costs**

Course is free of charge and organisers will cover all basic costs related to the course – limited amount of local public transport costs, study visits, excursions, and several free time activities.

### **IMPORTANT! Basic rules of the course**

Any student who participate in the course have to attend at least 80% of all lectures, group work and field trips organised by the University.

In order successfully graduate the course and receive 3 ECTS, you will need to pass the final exam. Students who will fail and will not successfully finish the course will have to reimburse travel and accommodation costs.

### **Applications**

Please send application to your coordinator:

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