

# Six students from South Africa successfully completed their studies under the Erasmus+ programme at AU

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On 27 January 2025, in the conference hall of the Agricultural University, six master's students from the University of Limpopo in South Africa received their certificates for successfully completed training under the Erasmus+ project 2023-1-BG01-KA171-HED-000125379.

The South African students Manoko Lekaba Thabang, Mamothama Michelle Mafoko, Faith Mnisi, Edward Mfoka Mabatane, Creselda Fihella Morongwa, and Neria Rafela Mahlogonolo studied for one semester at the

Faculty of Plant Protection and Agroecology of the Agricultural University – Plovdiv. Their curriculum included the courses “Phytopharmacy”, “Entomology” and “Integrated Pest Management”.

The formal farewell ceremony was attended by the Vice-Rector for Research and International Affairs Prof. Dimo Atanasov, PhD, the Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs and Postgraduate Qualification Prof. Tonya Georgieva, PhD, Prof. Svetla Yancheva, PhD, Chief Secretary for Institutional Cooperation and Communications, and Prof. Vili Kharizanova, PhD, Chief Secretary for Project Activities and Business Partnerships, who extended their congratulations on the excellent results achieved.

The students shared that they are extremely satisfied with their overall stay at AU under the Erasmus+ programme, the quality of education at AU, the campus facilities and the organisation of administrative services at the higher education institution. If possible, they would enrol in an additional specialisation at the Agricultural University. The in-depth theoretical knowledge and practical skills acquired during their training at AU represent a springboard for their future professional development.

As the most memorable events, they highlighted the graduation ceremony of the Class of 2024 at AU, the visit to the university’s Educational and Experimental Winery, and the Regional Museum of Natural History – Plovdiv.

The meeting concluded with a group photo in front of the Rectorate of the Agricultural University. The students stood in front of the camera with their certificates and personal gifts on the occasion of the successfully completed Erasmus+ mobility.

The young people from South Africa are returning to their homeland, taking with them the memory of the snowy cobbled streets leading to Kapana, the magic of art filling the city centre, and the remarkable cultural and historical heritage of Plovdiv.