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## Minutes of the third transnational meeting Thursday

16, Friday 17 and Saturday 18 October 2025 PARIS

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### Thursday 16 October 2025:



Arrival of the Romanian delegation composed of four people: three teacher-researchers from Stefan cel Mare University (Suceava), including the two coordinators of the RENT project in Romania, and the director [of the Bucovina Institute](#) (Romania).



### Friday, 17 October 2025:

This day was organised as an international symposium involving the Maison des Réfugiés de Paris (France) and the Bucovina Institute (Romania), future partners in the development of the digital resource platform created during the project. The results of the project were presented during the second round table.



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Presentation by Mr Aurelian Rotaru, Vice-Rector of the University of Suceava and member of the National Council for Scientific Research in Romania

## Introduction

The opening remarks were given by Jacqueline Bergeron (EE) and Marin Gherman (University of Suceava) in the presence of Sophie Haberbüsch-Sueur (Head of the Maison des Réfugiés de Paris), preceded by a remote address by the Vice-Rector of the University of Suceava, Aurelian Rotaru.

### **Round table no. 1 — European governance of exile: educational and inclusive policies**

Moderated by Marin Gherman, presentations by Vasile Gafiu (Romania), Sergiu Raiu (Romania) and Pierre-Stanley Perono (France) focused on the international, national and legal dimensions of exile, analysed through the mechanisms of regional, national and European governance. Discussions addressed the role of the European Union Member States in structuring a common and flexible governance framework that meets the needs of people in exile, inclusive socio-economic policies and their issues, as well as examples of good practices from countries that have implemented innovative models. Pierre Stanley Perono (lawyer) highlighted the place of migrants within Europe, emphasising the need for migrants to be aware of their rights in different European countries and pointing out that today's meeting contributes to this visibility. The results of a sociological study on the interaction of Ukrainian citizens in exile with citizens of other countries showed how human relationships develop in the specific context of exile. The discussions with the participants provided a valuable addition to the various presentations.



### **Artistic interlude**

A musical and poetic interlude was presented by Maryna Prepotenska (Ukraine), professor of philosophy, musician and poet, who sought refuge in France following the war in Ukraine. Her artistic contribution is now part of her journey as an exile and her commitment to young people in migration situations.

### **Round table no. 2 — Educational and institutional approaches and the inclusion of young people in exile**

The round table, moderated by Jacqueline Bergeron, included various scenarios and educational solutions addressing the main challenges faced by young people in exile within the European Union. Stéphane Tournier and Virayuth Ha shared their experiences as mentors to young people in exile and gave their feedback on their experimentation with the digital resources created during the project.



The Erasmus+ RENT project team presented the online resources, which consist of 18 modules. Each module is made up of several sequences in the form of short videos, associated resource documents, bibliographies and/or testimonials. A self-assessment questionnaire concludes each module.



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These resources are available in open access (after creating an online account) on the Kumullus platform of the [Paris Saclay Foundation](#), an associate partner of the RENT project, to whom the team expressed its gratitude.

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The digital resources are available in three languages (French, English and Romanian) and can be accessed by all tutors working with young adults in exile.

During discussions with participants, prospects were outlined for the development of future online resources, in particular with the two partners involved in the RENT project: Maison des Réfugiés (France) and Institut Bucovina (Romania).



This round table discussion formed the core of the conference, with all digital resources presented to participants (100 registered attendees), who were able to share their reactions on the usefulness and use of the resources and propose ideas for the inclusion of future resources.



### Round table no. 3 — Writing and exile: different perspectives



Moderated by Jacqueline Bergeron and Gina Puică, this round table discussion addressed the role of writing during exile. The perspectives of Abdelaziz Baraka Sakin (writer, Sudan), Álvaro Alcázar (PhD student in literature at Sorbonne University, France), Maya Ombasic (writer, Canada (Bosnia and Herzegovina)), and Maryna Prepotenska (professor of philosophy, Ukraine) highlighted the importance of writing during exile as a transitional space. The experience of writing during exile raises questions about identity.

The importance of linguistic and narratological elements has been presented as symbols of the narrative identity of writers in exile. As a place of memory, writing in exile constitutes a territory in its own right, an 'in-between' space, a kind of threshold where writing connects what was with what is not yet.



### Journey into exile — Testimonials

A young adult in exile (Cameroon), now in France under protection, presented her journey. She discussed the visible and invisible wounds of this journey and highlighted the foundations for possible reconstruction, particularly through the evolution of social self-representation, which enables victims to transition from their status as victims to becoming actors in their own life projects.

### Conclusion – Summary and outlook for the RENT project



Jacqueline Bergeron and Marin Gherman concluded this day rich in presentations and debates. After reminding attendees that the online digital resources created as part of the RENT project will be accessible to all those supporting young adults in exile, they presented the outlook for the coming months:

- Publication of a collective work presenting the results of the symposium (end of 2026)
- Continuity of access to the RENT project's digital platform beyond the end of the RENT project: resources will remain accessible on the Kumullus platform as part of the partnership established between Erasmus Expertise and the Paris Saclay Foundation
- Study of the platform's development through the creation of new resources and accessibility in new languages by integrating new countries into the consortium of a future project



- Identification of two relay partners in France (Maison des Réfugiés) and Romania (Institut Bucovine), which are the new centralisers and distributors of the digital resources created as part of the RENT project.

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### Signing of an MoU between EE and the Bucovina Institute

The end of the day on 17 October was marked by the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between Erasmus Expertise and the Bucovina Institute. This collaboration agreement signals the desire to continue the collaborations initiated during the RENT project and the development

of the digital resources platform based on joint research funding to support the continuation of these initiatives. The research focus has been formally included in this collaboration agreement and will be marked by bilateral contributions to the book to be published in 2026.



The day ended with a drinks reception attended by all the conference participants.



End of the conference



Drinks reception



Lunch break



### Saturday, 18 October 2025:

The project team met with its partners for a debriefing on the conference and to finalise the continuation and completion of the RENT project activities.

- A newsletter will be sent out by the end of December 2025, focusing mainly on the project results – press release and social media posts on the project results
- Preparation of open badges to be awarded to each tutor who has tried out the training programme and supported at least two individual young adults in exile
- Preparation for the long-term sustainability of the platform and resources, and their development with the two identified partners: Maison des Réfugiés (France) and Institut Bucovina (Romania)
- Open badges will be sent to tutors in December 2025



- Management: preparation of all the elements necessary for the submission of the project report to the Erasmus+ France agency

**Appendix:** MoU signed by EE and the Bucovina Institute



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**BETWEEN**

Erasmus Expertise, an international network whose legal status is that of an association under the law of 1901, registered with the Bordeaux Prefecture under RNA No. W3320113983-N°Siret 75247390000013 with its head office in Pessac (33600) France, 7 rue Théodore Botrel, represented by Jacqueline BERGERON, President, hereinafter referred to as "Organisation A";

**AND**

**Bucovina Institute Association**, a VET provider and private entity registered under number 28562769, having its registered office at Gemenea, no 204, Stulpicani commune, Suceava county, Romania and operational office in Suceava, str. Zamca, nr.17, Suceava County, Romania, 720214, represented by Petru Vasile GAFIUC, hereinafter referred to as "Organisation B";

**PREAMBLE**

Considering the mutual interest of both parties in working together to develop partnership projects on training and support issues relating to situations of exile, and recognising the importance of innovation and skills development in these areas,

The parties agree to this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) defining the framework of their collaboration.

**ARTICLE 1: PURPOSE**

The purpose of this MoU is to establish a framework for collaboration between the parties in order to develop and promote joint initiatives in the design of innovative projects related to training and skills development.

- Designing and implementing training and education programmes linked to:
- Exchanging teaching and technical resources;
- The organisation of events (symposiums, seminars, conferences, workshops, etc.);
- The development of joint research projects;
- Any other initiative agreed between the parties.

**ARTICLE 2: DURATION**

This Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force on the date of its signature by both parties for a period of three (3) years, renewable by written agreement of the parties.

**ARTICLE 3: COMMITMENTS OF THE PARTIES**



The parties undertake to:

- Actively contribute to the initiatives defined within the framework of this MoU;
- Transparently share information relevant to the success of the collaboration;
- Respect the intellectual property rights of the respective contributions;
- Ensure the confidentiality of sensitive information exchanged as part of this collaboration.

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## ARTICLE 4: INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Any intellectual production resulting from actions carried out within the framework of this MoU shall be subject to a specific agreement between the parties defining the rights of use and exploitation.

## ARTICLE 5: CONFIDENTIALITY

The parties agree not to disclose any confidential information exchanged under this MoU without the prior consent of the other party.

## ARTICLE 6: MODIFICATION AND TERMINATION

Any amendment to this Memorandum of Understanding must be the subject of a written amendment signed by both parties. Either party may terminate this Memorandum of Understanding by giving two months' written notice.

## ARTICLE 7: FINANCING OF ACTIONS

The two organisations undertake together to seek the means to finance the actions they wish to undertake together. Each action financed will be the subject of an amendment to this MoU specifying the terms and conditions of implementation.

## ARTICLE 8: APPLICABLE LAW AND SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

This MoU is governed by French law. Any dispute relating to its interpretation or application shall be resolved amicably between the parties. Failing agreement, it will be submitted to the competent courts of Bordeaux.

## ARTICLE 9: FINAL PROVISIONS

This MoU does not constitute a binding legal obligation, but expresses the intention of the parties to work together in good faith.

**Done in duplicate on: Paris, 17 October 2025**

