

Strengthening UFS and Technical University of Ostrava Collaboration through Erasmus+ Engagement



Prof. Rapantová Nada and Prof. Martina are visiting the University of the Free State to advance the growing partnership between the UFS and the Technical University of Ostrava and to explore expanded academic collaboration through Erasmus+ exchanges. Ostrava is recognised for its strengths in engineering, safety sciences, and applied research.

Their programme began at the Qwaqwa Campus, where OIA hosted them for engagements with campus leadership and researchers working in climate science, disaster management, renewable energy, and spatial analytics. They also toured key facilities, including the Afromontane Research Unit and the campus weather stations. They experienced the region's cultural and environmental richness through visits to the Basotho Cultural Village, Golden Gate, and Witsieshoek.

The visit now continues at the Bloemfontein Campus, where they are meeting senior researchers, participating in benchmarking sessions, strengthening departmental collaborations, and joining cultural and heritage activities, including Wednesday's field excursion to Kimberley.