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**PRESS RELEASE**

The Agricultural University of Athens welcomed 43 international students.

On **Tuesday, October 1st, 2024** forty-three international students from 17 countries worldwide gathered at the Agricultural University of Athens in order to register at the University. The **European Programmes’ Office** welcomed the students, informed them about the opportunities available to them at the University and proceeded with the registration matters, so that the students officially start their studies.

The welcoming of the incoming students was followed by the volunteers of **ESN AUA Athens** who informed them about their activities and programmes and took them on a tour of the facilities of the Agricultural University of Athens. The incoming students met their **Buddies**, the students of our University who helped them acclimatise in Athens, throughout their stay. In this way, ESN volunteers contribute to shaping an **unforgettable experience around their mobility, for studies or internship, at the Agricultural University of Athens.**

The Registration Day marked the start of **Welcome Weeks** by ESN AUA Athens, two weeks of diverse activities to promote **cultural exchanges** and the integration of Erasmus students into the **local community**. The activities started on Wednesday, October 2nd, with an introductory picnic, where students built their first Erasmus friendships through interactive games and discussions. These activities will be brought to a close with a one-day excursion to Epidaurus, an opportunity for incoming students to get in touch with the ancient Greek culture and the picturesque ancient Epidaurus, combining history with nature.

On Tuesday, October 1st, 2024, the European Programmes’ Office and ESN AUA Athens were there to welcome the 43 international students and to mark the beginning of their journey into the world of Erasmus+, a journey that **changes lives and opens minds.**

*\*What is the Erasmus Student Network?*

*ESN AUA Athens is the voluntary association of the Agricultural University of Athens that belongs to the wider network of ESN AISBL - Erasmus Student Network. It has been part of the network since 2011 and operates with the full support and cooperation of the Office of European Programs of the Agricultural University of Athens.*

*The ESN network consists of student, voluntary, non-profit and non-political associations, with the mission of representing international students, thus providing opportunities for cultural understanding and individual development according to the principle of Students Helping Students.*