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# ERASMUS+ PROJECT, KEY ACTION 2

## CAPACITY BUILDING IN HIGHER EDUCATION

- **FRIENDS: Furthering International Relations Capacities and Intercultural Engagement to Nurture Campus Diversity and to Support Internationalization at Home (IaH)**



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<https://erasmusplusfriends.eu/>

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://erasmusplusfriends.eu/>. The page features the same logos and text as the top banner. The main content area includes the text: **FRIENDS:** Furthering International Relations Capacities and Intercultural Engagement to Nurture Campus Diversity and to Support Internationalisation at Home. Below this text is a yellow button labeled **LEARN MORE** with a right-pointing arrow. To the right of the text is a decorative graphic of a grid of colored squares (blue, orange, pink, yellow, teal) and a photograph of a young man and woman smiling.



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## Spring 2022 Activities

- FRIENDS Caravan Festival, (28th February) the festival was conducted online/virtually due to the nation wide lockdown
- FRIENDS Reunion, (7th May) virtual event
- Community development plan, (18th May) The FRIENDS team along with the four winners of the digital story telling contest, worked in consultation with the project to develop a community development plan, focused at developing inclusivity of cultural minorities in a community.
- Student Bootcamp in Bulgaria, (June 5th- July 3rd) Four winners of the digital story telling contest travelled to Bulgaria for a bootcamp on IACD.

## Looking forward (Fall 2022)

- International conference
- Career fair
- Periodic Dissemination activities





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#### RTC DISASTER PREPAREDNESS INFO

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## Intercultural Awareness and Cultural Diversity

### Massive Open Online Course

**Build your intercultural competence**

**Become more sensitive to cultural diversity**

**Expand your horizons for international opportunities**

**Earn the "Intercultural Passport"  
certificate award**

**Gain extra points for RTC study abroad**



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# Massive Open Online Course (MOOC)

<https://erasmusplusfriends.eu/courses/iacd-mooc/>

INTERCULTURAL AWARENESS AND CULTURAL DIVERSITY:  
MASSIVE ONLINE OPEN COURSE (IACD MOOC)

★★★★★ (94)

Current Status

NOT ENROLLED

Price

Free

Get Started

Login to Enroll

## RATINGS AND REVIEWS



4.8

Avg. Rating

94

Ratings

- 18 units (topics)
- Self-paced learning
- Each unit contains several but related topics which consists of
  - Lectures
  - Written transcript of each lecture
  - Videos/animation
  - Quizzes/assignments
  - Reference list/ additional resources
  - Comment section



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# Syllabus

- **Chapter 1: Welcome to IACD MOOC**
- **Chapter 2: What is culture? The concept of culture. Cultural theories**
  - Unit 2: What is culture? Concepts of culture. Approaches in defining culture
  - Unit 3: Dimensions of culture - cultural distances between countries: identity, power, gender, uncertainty, time and gratification of needs
  - Unit 4: Cultural taxonomies. A critical approach to cultural taxonomies
  - Unit 5: World Values Survey
  - Unit 6: Understanding Ethnic and cultural diversity - multicultural citizenship and ethnic identity
  - Unit 7: Linguistic barriers as hidden dimensions of culture
  - Unit 8: Understanding gender and gender roles in different cultural contexts



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- **Chapter 3: European cultural identity and diversity: united in diversity**
  - Unit 9: European identity and European values - Unity in diversity
  - Unit 10: Europe 2020: the current state of EU identity and diversity
  - Unit 11: European identity and values reflected in culture
  - Unit 12: Europe's intercultural HQ: report from Brussels
- **Chapter 4: Intercultural communication skills**
  - Unit 13: Introduction to the communication studies
  - Unit 14: Intercultural communication: culture as a frame for communication
  - Unit 15: Culture matters: the role of cultural factors in intercultural communication
  - Unit 16: Business etiquette and protocol: Do's and Don'ts when conducting business in specific cultures/countries
  - Unit 17: Effective strategies for working in multicultural business environments
- **Chapter 5: Wrap-up and summary**
  - Unit 18: Wrap-up and summary of IACD MOOC



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## **ADVANTAGES OF REGISTERING & COMPLETING MOOC**

- Certificate of completion
- Earn the “Intercultural Passport” certificate award
- Gain extra points for RTC study abroad
- Build your intercultural competence
- Become more sensitive to cultural diversity
- Expand your horizons for international opportunities





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