

# Celebrating 250 years of Face-to-Face International Relations

We are happy to announce and welcome you to our 8th International Staff Exchange Week at Clausthal University of Technology!

2025 is a special year for our university: 250 years ago, in 1775, we began our journey as a place for personal and academic growth, for curiosity as much as for international exchange. We regard this anniversary not only as an opportunity for celebration but also for reflection. We would like to take a look with you at some of our longstanding international co-operations, share lessons learned as well as learn from your experiences. How can we keep the wheel turning, so to speak, for a long time? We would like to gather ideas, as members of international offices, on how we can make our co-operations (more) sustainable in the future.

In the spirit of sharing and exchanging best practices, the International Center Clausthal (IZC) warmly invites you to its 8th International Staff Exchange Week from June 16-20, 2025. Over the course of these five days, we would like to give you a glimpse into our university, the services we at the IZC offer and the tools we provide for administrators, teaching staff and students.

We have scheduled workshops, presentations, discussions, and excursions to give you a well-rounded overview of our small, yet very diverse University of Technology in Germany's most northern mountain region, the Harz Mountains, and also to show you the surrounding UNESCO World Cultural Heritage Sites.

Did we attract your interest? Then, we will gladly receive your application for participation. Therefore, please fill out the [registration form](#) and submit it at the latest by **April 9, 2025**.

As soon as your participation in our International Staff Exchange Week is confirmed you can start to organize travel arrangements. Accommodation and travel expenses in general can be funded via Erasmus+ grants from your home institution.





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## International Staff Exchange Week 2025 / June 16 – June 20, 2025 / International Center Clausthal

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8th International Staff Exchange Week at Clausthal University of Technology (TUC)

Monday, June 16	Tuesday, June 17	Wednesday, June 18	Thursday, June 19	Friday, June 20
<b>WARM-UP</b>	<b>WE ♥ EXCHANGE</b>	<b>TUC &amp; UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE</b>	<b>GLOBAL GOALS &amp; INDIVIDUAL CONSCIOUSNESS</b>	<b>AUF WIEDERSEHEN!</b>
9:30 – 10:30 <b>Registration</b>	9:15 – 10:00 <b>Exploring New Horizons – Lessons Learned from our cooperation: National Technical University of Athens and TUC</b> Prof. Dr.-Ing. Christos ARGIRUSIS Head of Laboratory of Inorganic Materials Technology, National Technical University of Athens, Greece	8:30 – 9:30 <b>Yes you can – Learn German Quickly</b> Dr. Jörg SCHRÖDER Lecturer for German as a Foreign Language, IZC	9:00 – 10:00 <b>Diversity, Inclusion &amp; Access - Facing and overcoming critical incidents</b> Dr.-Ing. Angela BINDER Faculty of Energy and Economic Sciences, TUC Equal Opportunity Officer	8:00 – 10:30 <b>Working Breakfast Hotel Goldene Krone</b> Wrap-up Certificates Photographs
10:30 – 10:45 <b>Welcome and Introduction</b> Astrid ABEL Director International Center Clausthal (IZC)	Dr.-Ing. Georgia SOURKOUNI-ARGIRUSI Research Associate at Institute for Energy Research and Physical Technologies, TUC	9:30 – 10:45 <b>Go TUC &amp; Services for International Students</b> Hasan HABBABEH Head of Admissions and Support for International Students, IZC  Bettina SEKLER Advisor to the Erasmus+ Institutional Coordinator, IZC	10:00 – 10:15 <b>Coffee Break</b>	







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<p><b>10:45 – 11:15</b> <b>Welcome Address &amp; Group Photo</b> Prof. Dr. Heike Y. SCHENK-MATHES Vice-President for Equal Opportunity and Young Academics</p>	<p><b>10:00 – 10:15</b> <b>Coffee Break</b></p>	<p><b>10:45 – 11:00</b> <b>Coffee Break</b></p>	<p><b>10:15 – 11:15</b> <b>Sustainability – a Societal Challenge</b> Dr.-Ing. Asja MROTZEK-BLÖß Sustainability and Climate Protection Officer, TUC</p>	
<p><b>11:30 – 14.30</b> <b>Introduction of participating colleagues and their home universities</b> Incl. international culinary delights –<i>participating colleagues please bring some typical food or drinks from your respective home country.</i></p>	<p><b>10:15 – 11:00</b> <b>An evergreen or a one-trick pony: Maintaining the momentum of our cooperation – University of Ljubljana and TUC</b> Dr. Sebastian DAHLE Research Associate at Biotechnical Faculty, University of Ljubljana</p>	<p><b>11:10</b> <b>Visit to the Old Imperial Town of Goslar: A UNESCO World Heritage Site - with guided tour and free time</b></p>	<p><b>11:15 – 12:15</b> <b>Why I chose TUC to study</b> International students share their reasons for studying at our small university</p>	<p><b>15:00 – 23:30</b> <b>TUC's Night of Science 2025</b> Our Scientists and students give an insight into their research by showing fascinating experiments and giving thrilling presentations. (Optional)</p>
<p><b>14:30 – 17:00</b> <b>Free Time</b></p>	<p>Dr. sc. nat. Leif STEUERNAGEL Head of Institute of Polymer Materials and Plastics Engineering, TUC</p>		<p><b>12:30 – 14:00</b> <b>Lunch at Ju Bin Lou (Chinese Restaurant, Buffet Lunch)</b> By invitation of the IZC</p>	
<p><b>17:00</b> <b>Welcome Dinner</b> By invitation of the Vice-President</p>	<p><b>11:00 - 11:45</b> <b>Quo Vadis International Mobility?</b> A discussion Prof. Dr.-Ing. habil. Stefan PALIS Institute of Electrical Information Technology, TUC</p>		<p><b>14:00 – 15:00</b> <b>A Visit to the Clausthal Center of Materials Technology (CZM)</b> Dr.-Ing. Henning WICHE Managing Director Technology, CZM</p>	
	<p><b>12:00 – 13:15</b> <b>Lunch at Students' Canteen</b> (own expenses)</p>		<p><b>15:00 – 16:30</b> <b>Free Time</b></p>	
	<p><b>13:30</b> <b>Campus Games &amp; Open Air</b> Campus Fun Run – Join the IZC team for one walking lap around the campus and other activities. The walking distance will be 2.8 km max.</p>		<p><b>16:30</b> <b>Visit to local Farmer's Market</b> Join us for a stroll through the colorful market in the heart of Zellerfeld. You can also visit adjacent the Kunsthandwerkerhof with its individual artisan stores and browse through the arts and crafts. (optional)</p>	

Program subject to change.  
Last update: February 2025.





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<p><b>Overall objectives of the mobility</b></p>	<p>Exchanging Best Practices among Colleagues from other International Relations-/ Global Offices</p> <p>Getting a personal impression of Clausthal University of Technology and the International Center Clausthal including services to inbound &amp; outbound exchange students</p> <p>Input on how to create and maintain long, successful, and (more) sustainable co-operations</p>
<p><b>Added value of the mobility</b> (in the context of the modernisation and internationalisation strategies of the institutions involved)</p>	<p>Getting insight on how other International Relations/ Global Offices work</p> <p>New perspective: how to create and maintain long, successful and (more) sustainable co-operations</p>
<p><b>Activities to be carried out</b></p>	<p>Workshops, presentations, discussions, and excursions, networking</p>
<p><b>Expected outcomes and impact</b> (e.g. on the professional development of the staff member and on both institutions)</p>	<p>New ideas for services for students, faculty and staff</p> <p>Expanding the network with universities/ colleagues from Europe and around the world</p>
<p><b>Target group</b></p>	<p>Primarily members of International Relations Offices/ Global Offices</p>







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TU Clausthal

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<b>Hosting Higher Education Institution:</b>	Clausthal University of Technology (TU Clausthal)
<b>Institution Website International Center Clausthal:</b>	<a href="http://www.izc.tu-clausthal.de/en">www.izc.tu-clausthal.de/en</a>
<b>Country:</b>	Germany
<b>Working Language:</b>	English (we recommend at least B2)
<b>Dates:</b>	Monday, 16 June 2025 to Friday, 20 June 2025
<b>Registration fee:</b>	Free of charge
<b>Number of participants:</b>	10–17
<b>Maximum numbers of participants per university:</b>	2
<b>Target group:</b>	Primarily members of International Relations Offices/ Global Offices
<b>Deadline for application:</b>	April 09, 2025 (confirmation via email by April 10, 2025)

## Accommodation:

Accommodation not provided.

In our mail of confirmation, we will include some recommendations for accommodation.

## Contact Person

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