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**The GEDIS European Summer School on Information Science
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Information Science: Challenges in Higher Education**

**GEDIS ESSISGEN 2025 Brought Together Students and Scholars in
Barcelona, Spain**

GEDIS ESSISGEN 2025 was successfully organised by the University of Barcelona (Spain), Stiftung Universität Hildesheim (Germany), CUAS – Carinthia University of Applied Sciences (Austria), the University of Osijek and the University of Zadar (Croatia), the University of Sarajevo (Bosnia and Herzegovina), and the Silesian University in Opava (Czech Republic), from 2 to 6 September 2025. Students from the Chair of Information Sciences of the University of Sarajevo – Faculty of Philosophy, together with Assistant Professor Dr. Džejla Khattab, actively participated in the academic and social programme of ESSISGEN 2025, contributing to discussions, workshops, and collaborative activities.

The Summer School was held under the auspices of the European Union and the Erasmus+ programme, within the framework of the project **GEDIS – Gender Diversity in Information Science: Challenges in Higher Education** (Project number: 2024-1-ES01-KA220-HED-000246558).

The event took place mainly at the Faculty of Information and Audiovisual Media, University of Barcelona, bringing together students, lecturers, and researchers from across Europe. The academic programme featured six core modules, covering Advances in Information Science, Research Methodology, Principles of Information Organization and Retrieval, Gender Perspectives in Research, Artificial Intelligence, and Digital Content Creation and Management. Through interactive lectures, group assignments, workshops, discussions, and gamification activities, participants engaged in intensive learning while also enjoying a rich social programme exploring Barcelona.

GEDIS ESSISGEN 2025 created a dynamic and inclusive learning environment, fostering academic exchange, collaboration, and intercultural dialogue, marking an important step in advancing inclusive approaches in information science education.

During ESSISGEN 2025, on 5 September 2025, **the meeting of partners** in the Erasmus+ project **GEDIS - Gender Diversity in Information Science: Challenges in Higher**

Education, was held at the Faculty of Information and Audiovisual Media, University of Barcelona. The organizer of the meetings was University of Barcelona (Spain), project coordinator. The meeting was attended by project coordinator from University of Barcelona (Spain) and representatives from: Stiftung Universität Hildesheim (Germany), CUAS – Carinthia University of Applied Sciences (Austria), the University of Osijek and the University of Zadar (Croatia), the University of Sarajevo (Bosnia and Herzegovina), and the Silesian University in Opava (Czech Republic).

Project coordinator from the University of Barcelona, Assistant Professor Dr. Juan-José Boté-Vericad, presented the outcomes of the activities completed to date. Particular attention was given to the results achieved in developing gender-inclusive teaching innovations in Library and Information Science (LIS). Planned outputs for the next work packages were also introduced, with a focus on detecting best practices in integrating a gender perspective into LIS teaching. Following this presentation, representatives of partner institutions reported on their ongoing and forthcoming activities. The University of Sarajevo outlined its plans for training school and academic librarians in Canton Sarajevo and announced the organisation of an international conference to be held in 2026. The session concluded with a discussion of the partners' obligations, in terms of writing reports, financial statements, reports on mobility, and dissemination activities.