



### **BIP AERES UAS DRONTEN:**

#### **Challenges of future-oriented livestock production in Europe**

*At Aeres University in Dronten we are happy to announce that we are organizing a Blended Intensive Programme (BIP) about the **Challenges of future-oriented livestock production in Europe**. We are organizing a 3-ECTS-Blended Intensive Programme between the 19<sup>th</sup> of October until the 3<sup>rd</sup> of November. A great opportunity to network with international students, guest speakers and teachers. Next to networking you will visit a lot of Dutch, innovative farms and interesting, agricultural companies.*

*You wouldn't miss this opportunity, right?*

### **WHY?**

Livestock production and its challenges are one of the hottest topics not only in The Netherlands or Europe but all over the world. People try to find out, how to make livestock production more innovative, future-oriented and green. There are many challenges in innovating livestock production, which companies, society and especially farmers face. The Netherlands is a center of excellence in topics such as sustainability and reducing nitrogen emissions in the agricultural sector. The Aeres University of Applied Sciences in Dronten owns a lot of knowledge about agriculture and food production and teaches its students to find innovative solutions to the problems they face in their industry.

## WHAT?

The **BIP Challenges of future-oriented livestock production** invites international students to discover and explore approaches to deal with and talk about the challenges the future-oriented livestock production in Europe will face. There is a strong connection with agricultural professions. The Blended Intensive Programme is a very diverse week with interesting lectures from international teachers and experts, innovative excursions to Dutch farms and agricultural companies, symposium and discussion about the future of the EU. The upcoming challenges we all face together in agriculture become more and more complex. Bringing international students together will create synergy, sharing knowledge and is for you as a student a great opportunity! In this Blended Intensive Programme (BIP) you will work together in an international context with students from several European countries. During this week you will work together on an interesting case study. At the end of the BIP week, you will present your ideas together.

The **BIP Challenges of future-oriented livestock production** held over 2 weeks with both face-to-face elements and online activities will include:

- Getting to know international perspectives on the future of EU livestock production
- Experiencing lectures from international lecturers
- Visiting innovative and pioneering farms and companies with big international impacts
- Using English as working and teaching language clearly (B2) in speaking and writing
- Learning to network and work together at international level
- Doing research on problem solving methods, approaches and good practices, based on key questions to consolidate individual findings
- Approaching new problem-solving methods: working on a case study with students from different countries and presenting your findings at the end of the week
- Handling the disciplines intercultural communication, gaining content knowledge, sustainable development and communication by integrating diverse aspects.
- Using English as a working language (B2) in speaking and writing

## WHO?

You could benefit from the course if:

- You are a student from one of the institutions mentioned above
- You are an interested person in the agricultural industry, handling complex challenges and solving them in a sustainable way
- You are interested cooperating with people from different countries and cultures and build bridges between their perspectives
- You are open to trying new ways of thinking

## HOW and WHEN?

### Preparation phase: 1 EC

The preparation phase on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023 will be held online, using Microsoft Teams. From 1 o'clock p.m. until 4 o'clock p.m., students and teachers will meet online to get to know each other. During this meeting Aeres UAS professionals will explain the current situation in the Dutch agricultural industry and where the challenges in the Netherlands lay. Furthermore, they will shine a light on the green solutions which Dutch farmers and experts are working on the last years and how Aeres students influence those solutions. Based on this introduction, the assignment of the physical week will be explained. All participants are expected to prepare a list of three learning goals for the week, as well as a list of three challenges they face in their countries and how they might be solved in a green and sustainable way.



### HOW MUCH WILL IT COST ME?

There are no course fees, plus there will be an allowance to pay for travel, accommodation and subsistence from EU funds as long as you complete the necessary documentation.

### Where do I get more information, who I will apply with?

Get in touch with either:

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- Aeres UAS Dronten: International Office for Erasmus+ questions (international.uas@aeres.nl)

**The deadline for the application is 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023.**