

And finally it happened that I could go back to Albania! I was teaching two semesters in Albania four years ago at University Aleksander Moisiu in Durrës. It was a concentrated IT Basics course both times and was so a great experience for me that I could hardly wait the possibility to go back.

I was visiting European University of Tirana within the Erasmus+ Staff Mobility Program between 16 and 20 May collecting experiences about the learning methods and motivations of the Albanian students and about the methods and tools of colleagues at the receiving institute.

As a prelude we had some earlier connections. Ms Drita Kruja, associate professor at UET, Faculty of Economics and Information Technology, took part in our FIKUSZ and MEB conferences and international week. Also visited us Ms Luljeta Minxhozi, professor and vice rector at UET and Mr Selami Xhepa, associate professor and vice rector for scientific research and methodology and associate professor Ms Arlinda Ymeraj.

In addition to that two Albanian students fulfilled an Erasmus+ semester at our faculty this spring, one of them attended to my Database Planning course.



From left: Anni Dasho, lecturer at Master and Bachelor of Economic and Information Department at the Faculty of Economics and Information Technology at UET, Mimoza Durresi, Indrit Baholli, head of department, Endri Plasari and Andi Nishku.

I had lectures two times.

First was about best practices on password usage both from user and sysadmin side. The second one was related to asymmetric encryption and SSL certificates. Students had a lot of questions and remarks that I enjoyed very much as a proof of their listening and understanding. See the [homepage](#) and [FaceBook page](#) of UET.

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Here in Hungary not many people knows Albania, the country having beautiful hills, old towns, wonderful seashore and a rather hard history. Mother Theresa, the most famous Albanian person and Nobel laureate, is well known in Hungary but it is less known that she was Albanian. In history we had some common experiences, first of them is perhaps known from secondary school: Hunyadi and Skanderbeg's (George Kastrioti) fights against the Turkish Empire. Less people know that in the

middle of the 18th century about two thousand Albanian people fled to South Hungary and most of them moved back to Albania after having become independent in 1912. The wife of their king Zogu 1st was Geraldine Apponyi of Hungary.



As far as I experienced Albanian people are very friendly, for me at least seems to be rather happy and proud. I frequently saw people sitting in parks playing chess, cards or domino as it was usual in Budapest as well in my childhood when life and people were not so stressed.

They have good cheese, byrek (family of baked filled pastries), raki (similar to the Hungarian pálinka) and a lot of other stuff you should discover personally...



One of my former students, Ina Manjani with the Albanian flag.