Title of BIP: Intercomprehension for Specific Purposes: tourism in rural areas

General information

Objectives and Description:

Intercomprehension is a communicative approach where several languages of the same linguistic family are studied/used in parallel; these are either languages related to the learner's mother tongue (or the language of education) or related to a language already learnt. There is a systematic focus on receptive skills, as the development of comprehension is the most tangible way of using the knowledge of a related language to learn a new one.

This specific approach is characterized by one distinguishing feature: whole linguistic families (the Romance family in our case) are the object of learning activities. The only pre-condition needed is that one of the languages must be already mastered by the learners, either as their mother tongue or as a second language (FREPA 2012: 7).

Methods and outcomes:

During the intensive week students will consolidate knowledge and skills developed during the online part of the BIP; furthermore, they will focus on the techniques and principles of IC in the Language for Specific Purposes (LSP) "Tourism in rural areas" contexts, participating to content classes (using video recordings, simulations, or actual classes depending on availability).

The students will spend one night in a mountain refuge and will go on mountain hikes. Therefore, a sleeping bag and appropriate trekking gear are required (hiking boots, suitable clothing for excursions, and sun protection).

Field of Education:

Language acquisition, Intercomprehension

Target audience / Participants profile:

Bachelor/Master/PhD students of disciplines related to tourism in rural areas and interested in a multilingual and multicultural dimension.

No of ECTS issued: 4

Language of instruction and requirements:

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Knowledge of one of the romance languages

Dates for physical activity: 29/06/2026 – 03/07/2026

Location of physical activity: Turin

Dates for virtual component:

A first general meeting during the period 03/06/2026 – 22/06/2026

Two more meetings after the BIP, during the period 06/07/2026 – 17/07/2026

Virtual Component Description:

The virtual activities will be carried out autonomously by the students and are based on the plurilingual online course "Elementi di Intercomprensione", freely available on the Start@unito platform. A meeting will be first organized to explain the syllabus of the course, its goals and requirements. Two other online meetings will check students' progress and propose collaborative tasks and exercises.

Organizing Board

Receiving/Host university:

University of Turin, Italy (Elisa Corino, elisa.corino@unito.it)

Sending/Partner universities:

P1. University of Savoie Mont Blanc, France

P2. University of Pau, France

Detailed programme

1. Planned activities during virtual component:

A meeting will be first organized to explain the syllabus of the course, its goals and requirements. Two other online meetings will check students' progress and propose collaborative tasks and exercises.

2. Planned activities during physical component:

Time/day	29/06/2026	30/06/2026	01/07/2026	02/07/2026	03/07/2026
9:30 – 10:00	Welcoming session	IC warm up	IC warm up	IC warm up	Outdoor activity
10:00 – 11:15	IC back to basics	IC task-based activity (general)	IC task-based activity (general)	IC task-based activity (general)	IC task-based activity (LSP)
11:30 – 12:30	IC back to basics	IC and LSP Reading strategies	IC and LSP Reading strategies	IC and LSP Reading strategies	
	Break	Break	Break	Break	
14:30 – 16:00	Task-based activity (general)	LSP class + tasks	Outdoor activity	LSP class + tasks Feedback	
16:00 – 16:30	Welcoming session	IC warm up	IC warm up	IC warm up	
	IC back to basics	IC task-based activity (general)	IC task-based activity (general)	IC task-based activity (general)	

Application procedure

How: Nomination can be sent to unita.students@unito.it

Deadline to apply: 30/04/2026