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From 20 to 24 July, Professor Oto Antia of the Caucasus University School of Business participated in the summer programme at the Catholic University of Lille as part of an ERASMUS+ academic staff mobility programme. During the mobility, Professor Antia delivered intensive, case-based sessions in English to a small international group of students.

The sessions covered topics including value chain analysis, circular business models, the circular economy, and sustainable development. The teaching process combined short conceptual inputs with the analysis of real company cases, as well as structured discussions and active interaction with students.

A particularly valuable aspect of the mobility was the small-group, discussion-driven seminar format. Working with a group of four students, this approach encouraged a high level of student engagement and enabled genuine two-way academic interaction. At the same time, the mobility contributed to the development of professional and pedagogical skills, including seminar facilitation, time management, intercultural communication, and adaptability to a different academic environment.

An important component of the mobility was also the exchange of experience with the academic staff of the Catholic University of Lille. Exposure to their administrative and pedagogical practices highlighted a number of valuable approaches, including the discussion-based format for small-group teaching and clearly structured course documentation, which could potentially be adapted and introduced into the teaching process at Caucasus University.

The mobility contributed to strengthening academic cooperation between Caucasus University and the Catholic University of Lille, particularly in the areas of circular economy and sustainable development, and laid the groundwork for closer exchange of curricula, academic expertise, and good practices in the future.