

(Y)OUR VOICE MATTERS!



OFFICIAL BIP VIVES BELGIUM – For social workers!

Mid-October 2026 – Mid-December 2026

On Campus – From Monday, 16 November, to Friday, 20 November 2026



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When democracy gets quiet, turn up the volume!

Social work plays an active role in society:

not only in supporting people, but also in **making injustice visible** and creating space for voice and participation.

Today, social work operates in a context of growing inequality, polarisation, and shrinking democratic space – here and elsewhere in the world.

This BIP starts from social work as a **critical and transnational profession**.

Together with students and educators from different countries, we explore how structural power relations shape professional practice, policy, and everyday social work contexts.

We examine how social work can contribute to **collective counter-power, solidarity, and democratic resilience** – locally grounded, yet globally connected.

Requirements for participation

- Each partner institution is required to ensure that **at least one teacher per 10 students** participates **for the entire period**, including all activities. This teacher will also act as a **coach and mentor** for their students during the project.
- Participating **students must have an English proficiency level of B2 or higher**.
- Each partner may send a **maximum of 10 students**. Requests for additional spots may be considered depending on the overall number of participants.
- Students should receive **official recognition of 3 ECTS** at their home institution for completing this course.

Participating Universities

Please confirm your participation by May 15 at the latest. First meeting will be scheduled in the beginning of June

Vives Bachelor Social Work in cooperation with:

- Jabok College of Applied Social Studies, Czech Republic - *Not confirmed yet*
- Protestant university of applied sciences Ludwigburg, Germany - *Not confirmed yet*
- Windesheim university, Zwolle, The Netherlands - *Not confirmed yet*
- University of Gdansk, Poland - *Not confirmed yet*
- TTK University of Applied Sciences, Estland - *Not confirmed yet*
- Université Côte d'Azur, France
- Hochschule Landshut, Germany

About this BIP:

The programme is designed as a **high-quality Blended Intensive Programme (BIP)** that combines a strong virtual preparatory phase with an intensive and inspiring **one-week on-campus experience at VIVES (Belgium)**.

It starts with a **blended online phase**, introducing the central theme and inviting students to explore the **social work field in their own regional context**. During this preparatory phase, students engage in **online exchanges with international peers**. This creates a solid foundation for comparative analysis and critical dialogue before meeting on campus.

The online component is followed by **one intensive week on campus at VIVES**, offering a vibrant international learning environment in the heart of **Flanders**. During this week, theory and practice are closely intertwined through lectures, workshops, group work, field engagement and collective reflection, guided by an international team of experienced teachers.

A distinctive strength of this BIP is its strong **connection to the social work field** in two complementary urban contexts:

- In **Kortrijk**, students participate in a **half-day field visit** focusing on local and regional social work practices and good practices.
- In **Brussels**, Europe's capital and a highly diverse metropolitan city, students take part in a **half-day field visit** to social work organisations dealing with complex urban, social and

transnational challenges. The **remaining half day is free**, allowing students to explore the city, its neighbourhoods, institutions and cultural life independently.

Bringing together **Kortrijk and Brussels** within one programme offers students a powerful **comparative perspective**: from local and regional practices to urban, international and European contexts — all within a compact and well-structured intensive week.

Throughout the BIP, students benefit from:

- A **keynote lecture** framing the core theme from a critical and international perspective;
- **Lectures and interactive workshops** by teachers from VIVES and partner institutions in Europe and the Global South.
- **Coaching and mentoring** by an international teaching team;
- An **extensive and diverse international student group**, offering rich opportunities for peer learning, exchange and networking.

This carefully balanced combination of **blended preparation, an intensive on-campus week, strong field engagement and attractive locations** makes the VIVES BIP a compelling and distinctive choice for partner institutions.

Suggestion for you stay in Kortrijk

Students and teachers are free to choose accommodation. However, most students and teachers coming to Vives in November stay at Hotel Focus.

Book soon, many teachers and students are coming!

Price Agreements Stay in Focus VIVES 2026: Not confirmed yet (Price Hostel 2025 – about €35 per night, including towels, sheets and breakfast)

VIVES blocked all the rooms at Focus Hotel and Focus Hostel. Reservations can only be made via email: info@focushotel.be (on the website, no rooms will be available because they are blocked for VIVES)

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