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Through the Erasmus+ program (Staff Mobility for Training/STT), Mrs Maria Politou, a Librarian at the NKUA Library and Information Centre Branch Library of the School of Economics & Political Science, made a five-day visit to the Library of the Krakow University of Economics (22-26/6/2026).

During her visit, Mrs Politou met with both the Library Administration and staff from the Departments of Acquisitions and Cataloging, Circulation and Reading rooms, and Information Services. She also enjoyed a tour of the Library premises, that include closed-stack areas (with mobile or fixed shelves), reading rooms with open-access shelves, individual and group study rooms, as well as specially designed open-access study areas.

Furthermore, Mrs Politou was acquainted with procedures involving the implementation of Open Science, information literacy, and cataloging as part of the Library's participation in the union catalog of research libraries (NUKAT), as well as with the University's DRD – Dorobek repository, which serves as a key source of information for the evaluation of both academic staff and the University.

It is worth mentioning here, that an important mission of the Library of the Kraków University of Economics is to acquire, organize, and preserve Polish publications and research through modern digital environments for data utilization and dissemination. The result of this process is the BazEkon database. Developed using software created in-house by the Library staff, BazEkon is a bibliographic and full-text database that indexes articles from Polish journals in the fields of economics, management, logistics, and related disciplines. Today, BazEkon operates as a Consortium as its development and use has expanded to other institutions, thus strengthening its momentum.

In conclusion, through this visit Mrs Politou had the opportunity to exchange experiences and good practices and share mutual concerns regarding the future of Libraries, the reduction in financial and human resources, and the lack of space.