

International IT Week

Connect, share real expertise, and inspire the next generation of IT talent

DATES: March 8 – March 12, 2027

LOCATIONS: Kortrijk (Days 1–3) & Bruges (Days 4–5), Belgium

AUDIENCE: Academic & tech partners, lecturers, and international staff

WHY JOIN US?

- **Direct Student Interaction:** Engage directly with creative and tech-savvy IT students through hands-on teaching.
- **Peer Collaboration:** Connect and network with international colleagues, sharing educational best practices.
- **Belgian Hospitality:** Discover historic Bruges and innovative Kortrijk through hosted local social activities.

WAYS TO SHARE EXPERTISE

- **2-Hour Interactive Workshops:** Host hands-on sessions for 1st-year Bachelor/Associate IT students (Software Dev, AI, Cyber Security, XR, IoT, Web, Full Stack).
- **45-Minute Keynote Sessions:** Inspire a broader audience with compelling insights on technology or industry trends.
- **Hackathon Coaching:** Mentor student teams tackling real-world challenges during the Vibe-Coding Hackathon.
- **International Fair:** Showcase study and internship options at your home institution.

No Event Fee

Participation in International IT Week is completely free of charge.

Erasmus+ Funding

Eligible for Erasmus+ Staff Mobility funding via your home university.

Programme Schedule & Proposals

5 days of practical teaching, discussions, and networking

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Day & Date	Location	Focus & Activities
Day 1 (Mon, Mar 8)	Kortrijk	Welcome, campus tour & social evening
Day 2 (Tue, Mar 9)	Kortrijk	Vibe-Coding Hackathon (Coaching & Mentoring)
Day 3 (Wed, Mar 10)	Kortrijk	Guest Workshops, Keynotes & International Fair
Day 4 (Thu, Mar 11)	Bruges	Guest Workshops, Keynotes & International Fair
Day 5 (Fri, Mar 12)	Bruges	Closing session & networking wrap-up

PROPOSAL GUIDELINES

- **Workshop Topics:** Applied technical frameworks, emerging IT tools, live coding, or soft skills (cross-cultural teamwork, global tech career navigation).
- **Languages:** English (Sessions in Dutch are also warmly welcomed for local student groups).
- **Selection Turnaround:** Feedback provided within 10 days of submission.
- **Preferred Deadline:** End of November 2026.

Ready to Submit Your Proposal?

Scan the QR code or visit the link below to submit your workshop, keynote, or participation proposal:

<https://www.howest.be/en/news/international-it-week>

