# Maksymilian Kazimierczak

## ERUA Student Ambassador

**Field of Studies :** Cultural Studies

**Hobbies and interests**: I am a foreign-language teacher and researcher working at the intersection of linguistics and cultural studies, with a central interest in how language and culture co-constitute one another. Using and learning languages is not simply about exchanging experiences; it is about cultivating a deeper, more empathetic understanding of what it means to think, feel, and belong. This question is at the heart of both my research and my personal interests.

**Motivation to become an ambassador for ERUA:** I became an ambassador because I want to use both my professional experience and my personal understanding of the challenges students may face when considering international opportunities.

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My background in HR, management, team leadership, and coordination has taught me how to communicate clearly, organise effectively, and support people in situations that may feel new or uncertain. I know that language barriers, fear of the unknown can discourage students from taking advantage of valuable opportunities. Sometimes, even when an opportunity is available, taking the first step can be the hardest part. I want to help make that step easier by offering guidance, encouragement, and a supportive point of contact. For me, being an ambassador is not only about promoting ERUA initiatives. It is about helping students feel that they are genuinely part of the community and that these opportunities are meant for them. I want to encourage them to get involved, feel included, and confidently take part in the experiences ERUA offers.

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