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"Pupil mobility in Europe - making inclusion a reality"

A European conference on the future of Erasmus+ in the School Sector

11th - 13th May 2020 in Bonn

The ambitious goal of the next Erasmus+ programme is to make learning mobility a realistic possibility for any pupil in school education. The programme starting in 2021 seeks to promote equal opportunities and access: Inclusion and diversity are key principles that shall facilitate participation of a wider range of schools with pupils from more diverse backgrounds.

In the next Erasmus+ programme, pupil mobility will be a prominent and distinct feature. Under Key Action 1 the next programme will also support mobility of school pupils. This will include short-term group mobility and long-term individual mobility of pupils carrying out a study period at a school abroad or a work experience placement.

By presenting the experiences gained within school exchange projects in the current Erasmus+ programme, the conference will deal with the chances and challenges to implement pupil mobility in school projects from 2021 onwards. School representatives and National Agencies of all programme countries of Erasmus+ will have the chance to exchange experiences on pupil mobility and to work on mobility schemes that respect inclusion and diversity. The conference will also be a forum for networking and contact making to find partners for mobility projects in the new programme.

Objectives

- The conference will highlight successful project designs and successful mobility schemes for short term group mobility and long term individual mobilities for pupils from the Erasmus+ programme. It will also address blended mobility combining virtual and real mobility via the eTwinning platform.
- With the support of experts from the field conference participants will reflect about ways to include more
 pupils from more diverse backgrounds into mobility projects. Conference participants will work on
 recommendations for pupil mobility that respect the principles of inclusion and diversity.
- The conference will offer networking opportunities for school representatives to find partners and to discuss project proposals for mobility projects in the new programme.

Target groups

- Representatives from schools that are interested in starting mobility projects in the new programme with a focus on inclusion and diversity
- Project coordinators or representatives of Erasmus+ school projects and of eTwinning projects with experience in pupil mobility with pupils from diverse backgrounds and/or disadvantaged pupils
- Representatives from school authorities and Ministries of Education (mobility consortium coordinators)
- NA representatives (one representative per country)

Number of participants: 200 to 300 participants



Participating countries

The TCA is open to all National Agencies of the Erasmus+ programme.

Location

• Gustav-Stresemann-Institut, Bonn, Germany www.gsi-bonn.de

Conference languages

- English (as working language) and German
- Simultaneous translation into English and German in the plenary; workshop-programme / parallel sessions either in English or German

Date

- Start: Monday, 11th of May (arrival, optional cultural programme at 4 pm; welcoming buffet at 7 pm)
- End: Wednesday, 13th of May (at about 2 pm)

Hosting and co-organizing agencies

• The event is hosted by the National Agency for school education in Germany (Pädagogischer Austauschdienst, DE03) and organized in cooperation with National Agencies for Erasmus+ in Finland (Finnish Erasmus+ Agency) and Italy (Agenzia nazionale Erasmus+ Indire).

Financing

- The conference will be carried out as a Transnational Cooperation Activity among NAs (TCA) and is financed by the EU programme Erasmus+.
- NAs who send participants to the conference are asked to provide for the travel costs for their participants within their TCA-budget. Hosting costs during the conference (accommodation in the conference hotel from 11th -13th May, meals, conference costs) will be covered by NA-PAD.

Procedure

- Reservation: NAs are kindly asked to inform the NA-PAD whether they intend to send participants (up to 6 participants per country including NA-representatives). Reservations as sending partner can also be done via the SALTO-platform https://salto-et.net/tca/editevent/192.
- Nomination: NAs are invited to select experienced project representatives that could give input into
 the sessions as well as newcomers to the programme, favorably from schools with pupils from
 diverse backgrounds or with special needs and from schools in disadvantaged areas. Sending NAs
 are kindly asked to nominate their participants (name, organization, email, where appropriate title
 of Erasmus+-project) by 15th of February 2020 to katharina.fahr@kmk.org.

For further questions, please contact NA-PAD:

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