



Students and practitioners learn together

The University of Padova is member of a Strategic Partnership programme of Erasmus+ led by the Julius-Maximilians University of Würzburg (JMU). "International and Comparative Studies for Students and Practitioners in Adult Education and Lifelong Learning" (INTALL) is the successor of the ERASMUS + Strategic Partnership COMPALL of the European Commission. The European lifelong learning project is carried out with seven European partner universities and two European practice associations, and it focuses on the linking of science and practice in comparative adult education with the aim of professionalizing students and practitioners.

The field of adult and continuing education has been heavily influenced by international developments for many years. The shortage of skilled workers criticized by the European Commission in many places and the visible discrepancy between existing and required competencies of professionals can also be found in the field of adult education. Particularly striking is the low linkage of university study content with the requirements of practice. Against this backdrop, the Julius-Maximilians-Universität Würzburg (JMU) and its partners have joined forces to advance the understanding and exchange between science and practice, and to provide both students and practitioners with the necessary knowledge and skills in adult education and lifelong learning to equip the necessary skills. Innovative teaching methods should support this project.

The winter school as a shared learning experience

From previous cooperation, the COMPALL partnership has established the International Winter School "Comparative Studies on Adult Education and Lifelong Learning" at Julius-Maximilians University over the last few years. On the base of the existing two-week international study program, the designated goals will be developed. The blended learning methodology is the didactic framework. This brings together students and practitioners in a common learning setting. A learning community consisting of professors and lecturers from various universities is working on the conception of innovative teaching methods that will be used in the study program. Another work package deals with the promotion of the employability of students and practitioners in adult and continuing education. To make the program inclusive and sustainable, a free accessible online version of the program is also planned. This allows even physically non-mobile users to participate in the learning experience.

The didactic methods and online materials will be made available on the project homepage during the three-year term (Sept 2019-Sept 2021).

In addition, three multiplier events will be offered, in which the results of the project will be presented and discussed with the international specialist audience. Thus, the consortium creates the opportunity to use the joint module beyond the project consortium. The following dates are planned: September 2019 at Helmut Schmidt University Hamburg, Germany; June 2020 at the University of Pécs, Hungary; September 2021 at the European Association for the Education of Adults in Brussels, Belgium

The partners are:

- Dublin City University, Ireland
- DVV International Association e.V., Germany
- European Association for the Education of Adults, Belgium
- Helmut Schmidt University of the Federal Armed Forces Hamburg, Germany
- Julius-Maximilians-University Würzburg
- Pécsi Tudományegyetem, Hungary
- Universidade de Lisboa, Portugal
- Università di Padova, Italy
- Università degli Studi di Firenze, Italy
- Univerza v Ljubljana, Slovenia

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