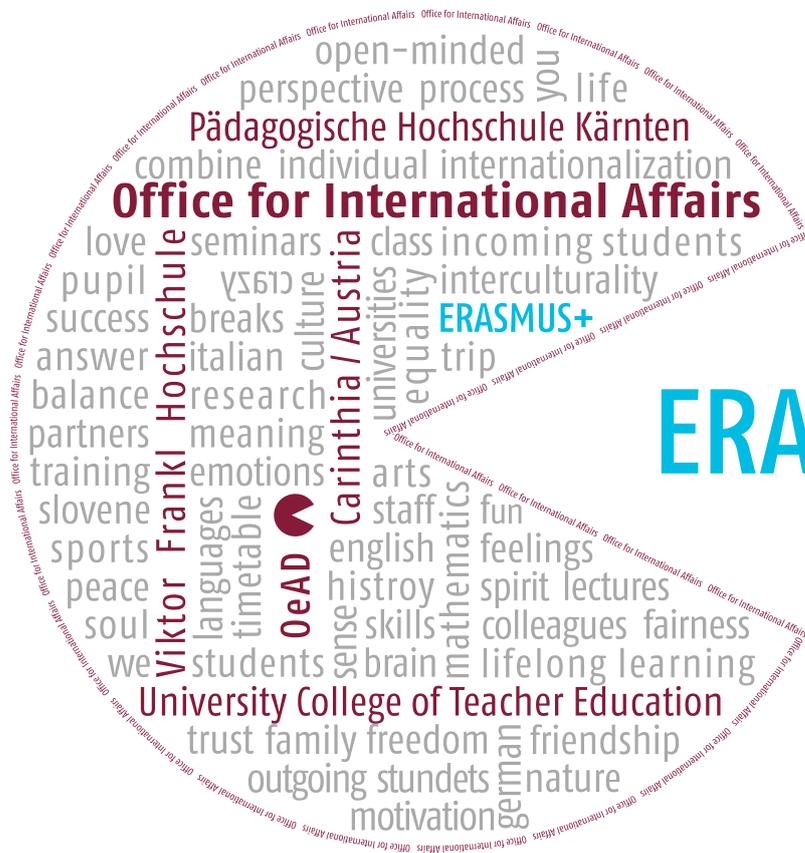


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# Documentation Evaluation

Tempus IRIS Workshop 4 / Workpackage 4 within International Meeting 2014 organized by the Office for International Affairs at the Pädagogische Hochschule Kärnten / Viktor Frankl Hochschule (PHK), University College of Teacher Education (UCTE) took place from 3 November, 2014 till 7 November, 2014.

Erasmus+ coordinators, rectors, deans, heads of the departments, teacher trainers were invited to come to Klagenfurt and to join this international event. This year it was already held for the 8th time. As the head of the Office for International Affairs coordinates Austria in the Tempus “IRIS” project which stands for Fostering Academic International Relations in Israeli Academic Colleges, Tempus partners attending the Workshop 4 / Workpackage 4 were invited to:

- Get informed about how the internationalization works.
- Get acquainted with the form in which the Office for International Affairs is building up, initiating, fostering, strengthening international cooperation.
- Receive an insight view on how the Office for International Affairs works and cooperates with different departments and the whole institution.
- Get to know international partners and colleges of Klagenfurt hub.
- Be invited to build up own cooperation in different fields (staff/students exchange, research, projects possibilities).
- Have the possibilities to inform all International Meeting participants from European and non-European countries about the own home institution.
- Give courses to local and incoming students of the UCTE.
- Be a part of international and global exchange.
- Give lectures from staff to staff, depending on their own field of expertise, research, interest, function.
- Inform about the own school system as well as educational system concerning the higher education.
- Get to know the UCTE with its different partner schools, with which it cooperates.
- Get to know Klagenfurt, the Carinthian government and the surroundings in three-corner region to receive a feeling of culture, different languages, customs, food and behavior.
- Enjoy and partake in this international event sharing an experience, talking to colleagues and students and to use the breaks for getting to know other people around the globe.

Preparations for the International Meeting (IM) 2014 started already in February 2014 to be able to inform all partner institutions as well as all Tempus partners about this international event. Key speeches have been fixed involving people into organization matters. The rector's office, as well as responsible people for the students' timetable and other courses have been informed about the International Meeting programme. The rooms were fixed and location for lunch and dinner was chosen. The route for the excursion, the guided tour, the meeting in the local government were fixed, communication with different heads of schools (primary school, secondary school, vocational school, domestic science school) was organized.

Also preparation for a common dinner which was the invitation from the UCTE had to be planned. This was February 2014 and the first partners who have been informed about the IM programme were the Tempus partners. During one of the workshops concerning internationalization matters (WP 4) in Milano during 3-5 March, 2014 all the Tempus colleagues received information about not only the programme, but also about the application procedure. The application procedure including the arrival possibilities and some practical information, as well as different kinds of the workshops and lectures for students and staff has been written down in a very clear and understandable form that everybody could find his/her way within the 5-day event. Applicants have been requested to send a brief information about the lecture offers for local and incoming students and staff, write some lines about the own institution that it could have been included into the International Meeting brochure in order to give a short information about the participants and all offers.

The same information Tempus partners received in May at the Warsaw meeting. The invitation and all details concerning the International Meeting 2014 was sent not only to the Tempus partners but as well to the UCTE partner institutions, friends, colleagues and those who had a wish to experience the internationalization in the higher educational institution. Tempus project participants received for the second time the information about the network meeting – the 8th International Meeting.

The head of the Office for International Affairs made it possible together with the Tempus project coordinator that one of the Israeli staff member from the Tempus partner institution could work for three and a half months in the Office for International Affairs. It was planned that the staff member from Sapir College receives an insight view into all different kinds of international work (from the basic up to the top has to be done in the Office for International Affairs). This internship began in mid-August 2014 and ended in November 2014. The Israeli colleague was first of all welcomed, received the information about different kinds of procedures which take place in the office and different kinds of events organized by the Office for International Affairs. He was taken as a family member to get to know Klagenfurt and its surroundings, different Carinthian values have been shown. The timetable was organized in a flexible form that he could discover by himself also Vienna and Bratislava as well as other places. It was communicated with the Israeli staff member (this was also his wish) not to be involved into the International Meeting matters. Israeli partners should have contacted either the head of the office or the second responsible person for International Meeting application procedure, requests, needed help and other duties. It was agreed from both sides but it didn't work in the form it should have been done. Although Israeli colleagues knew whom to contact, very often misunderstandings concerning the International Meeting procedure took place.

When deadline came closer, the Office for International Affairs could count already with lots of different partners and in this case with different offers for local and incoming students and to be able to place small groups where staff to staff could get acquainted in the easier and more personal atmosphere. It is a pity to write that European partners and some of non-European partners could manage the application form easily. Although in Warsaw during May and September Tempus partners received, for another time, all needed information about participation and normal inclusion into the brochure, the application procedure was not easy. Some Tempus partners sent only the names or they didn't inform the organization team about their arrival and departure days nor about the brief information about the lectures and so on. Some partners who applied for coming didn't come and didn't let anybody know that they were not able to come. Some came for two days other came later and went earlier. One came and didn't pay a fee. Some applied for an excursion and didn't partake without even letting the responsible person know about their withdrawal.

It has to be said that this kind of behavior didn't make the organization and administration work easier. The question for the organizer is, why all other participants who have received the same information didn't make such troubles. Could this be an intercultural gap or an international misunderstanding?



The International Meeting / Tempus IRIS Workshop 4 (Workpackage 4) should have been one of the best examples concerning getting to know other people personally and networking on their own. Therefore breaks were long enough to make personal contacts or enjoy typical Carinthian sweets, coffee, tea etc.

The Office for International Affairs was offering the international platform but the own personal contact could have been (or not) made by every single participant of the International Meeting. The feedback listed up below gives a short insight view how participants reflected on their impressions:

*Dear Pia-Maria,*

*thank You, very much. You are like our mother, who care for all of us. You had the idea what you would like to do with internalization long before all of us, and you succeed. You just teach us, and we tried to understand. I can say that we are lucky that we have each other, and I really appreciate all your afford that you have done for our relationships. Participant A*

*My colleagues and I have as always good memories after the International meeting of the Klagenfurt network, and this year it was really a huge event, lots of people, the book launch. We're really grateful! Participant B*

*It was again, as always, something special. You make us time to discuss, to feel comfortable, to learn and to wonder about meaningful topics. Every year, when I went to Klagenfurt, I forget business cards. And I wondered why? I found that I don't feel that I go abroad, but to meet my friends. And it is so. You published wonderful books and book with introduction of all participants, and you always surprise us. Participant C*

*I want to thank you all for organizing the International Meeting in Klagenfurt, and for your warm and kind hospitality. It takes a lot of effort to organize such a meeting, and you really did a very good job. Participant D*

*Thank You so much for the programme and for all your efforts!*

*Since I am for more than 15 years in international affairs activities, I know how much effort and passion is needed to prepare an international meeting. Thank You also for a wonderful evening when the book series were launched! Participant E*

*My personal expectations of the participation in the International Meeting 2014 came true, as I met new people, partners, became informed what other institutions do. Participant F (Tempus)*

*The friendliness was amazing – despite never being here before, it felt like a large family. These are the great networking opportunities, chances to find out about the research of others. Participant G (UK)*



*I was very satisfied with the programme of the International Meeting as there were many interesting activities, events, meetings related to my field of interests. Especially good for me were the visit to partner schools of the UCTE and the trip to three countries. I found many new contacts and it was a nice experience for me. Participant H*

*My motivation for joining the International Meeting as well as Tempus IRIS Workshop 4/Workpackage 4 was: I love people, I love diversity and would like to enlarge the projects we have at our college with more partners from all over the world. The atmosphere, the breaks, the dinners, the trips gave me a chance to talk with people and to learn. I made good contacts and now it is up to me and my college what we do next. I felt like in a big family. Participant I*

*I had a chance to communicate with the exchange students at the UCTE and to enjoy the excellent programme of the meeting. The book launch was very emotional for me. Participant J*

*This 5-day meeting allowed the variety of activities – academic, cultural and social. Thank you very much for another wonderful, professional and personal experience. Participant K*

*The programme was well-organised. Plenty of opportunities and options made it easy for choosing the workshops due to the individual interests. Participant L*

The offer from staff to staff has its reasons and comes from the so called Progressive Education. If you want the students should make choices you have to give them offers and all offers should be good enough. It also means to give and prepare an offer. Also staff could/should feel once again to be in a situation like a child what means you should be concentrated on one matter and not flying like a bee from one flower to the other. Making choice means as well to set the priorities and this also should be valid for both for staff and students and pupils. In general it can be stated that the International Meeting was once again a big success.

The International meeting was attended by more than  
500 Students  
25 Incoming Students  
Local staff and partner schools

All participants were given the Attendance Letters and afterwards everyone received a greeting letter with his/her own picture/s. The interest in the Austrian education system was very high. Headmistress, headmasters, teachers and students have been very happy in the different schools to receive international guests and show how education works with different ages and on different levels.

Positive side effects for the students of the UCTE were different kinds of negotiations with participants during which the local students could get to know the colleagues from the future host institution and break their cultural borders.

Within the International Meeting the Book-launch of the book series “Internationalization in Teacher Education” (Editors Rabensteiner Gerhard / Rabensteiner Pia-Maria) took place and some authors who published in one of the seven volumes of this series were attending this event and offered speeches.

The International Meeting brought along some special agreements, especially concerning the short time school practice which was signed with some Israeli partners. Another result was that different kinds of mobilities (staff / students) for the winter semester 2014/2015 could have been fixed. One of the side effects is that during the summer term also the small International Meeting will take place. The UCTE with its active Office for International Affairs is further on a hub in the field of internationalization.

The Office for International Affairs thanks once again for attending the 8th International Meeting for fruitful input, various interesting and important talks. Thanks for the trust and with some partners already long period brilliant international cooperation. Maybe we meet each other at the 9th International Meeting 2015 in Klagenfurt.

**TAKE YOUR CHANCE – YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!**

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# PROGRAMME

Sunday, 2 November, 2014

Arrival

Monday, 3 November, 2014 - Welcome / Getting to know each other

- 08.00 - 08.45 Registration
- 09.00 - 09.50 Official Welcome / Opening / Ms Mag. Dr. Pia-Maria Rabensteiner, BEd / Head of the Office for International Affairs at the UCTE
- 09.50 - 10.00 Welcome Words /  
Mr. Mag. Dr. Peter Kaiser / Governor of the Carinthian Government
- 10.00 - 10.10 Welcome Words /  
Ms Mag. Dr. Marlies Krainz-Dürr, Rector of the UCTE
- 10.10 - 10.30 Key Speech: Value of Internationalization in Higher Education / Mr. Mag. Hanspeter Huber, Department Head for International Affairs - Ministry of Education
- 10.30 - 10.50 Key Speech: EducatorsAbroad – Sustainability of Studying abroad / Mr. Dr. Craig Kissock / Director of StudyAbroad, USA
- 10.50 - 11.00 Welcome with International Students
- 11.00 - 11.20 Coffee break
- 11.20 - 11.40 Key Speech: Internationalization and Internationalization Strategies in Israeli Colleges  
Ms Dr. Vered Holzmann / TEMPUS-Iris-Project - Project-Coordinator
- 11.40 - 12.00 Key Speech: Internationalization at the UCTE / Ms Mag. Dr. Pia-Maria Rabensteiner, BEd / Head of the Office for International Affairs at the UCTE
- Lunchtime
- 14.00 - 14.45 “Surprise” - Lifelong Learning together with UCTE staff and students / Language teachers and students of the UCTE
- 14.45 - 15.30 Welcome to Carinthia - Culture, History and Geography of Carinthia / Dr. Theodor Domej / Superintendent for Multilingualism in Upper Secondary Schools (German lecture)
- 14.45 - 15.30 Welcome to Carinthia - Culture, History and Geography of Carinthia / Ao. Univ.-Prof. Mag. Dr. Werner Drobesch (English lecture)
- 15.30 - 16.00 Coffee-break
- 16.00 - 17.30 Mutual international introduction - Work in different groups
- 19.00 Common dinner in a typical Carinthian inn



# PROGRAMME

## Tuesday, 4 November, 2014 - Austrian Educational System / Carinthian Government

- 08.30 - 09.00 Plenary Session  
09.00 Departure to different schools  
09.45 - 11.30 School Observation  
11.30 - 12.00 Reflection / Summing up  
Lunchtime  
14.30 - 16.00 Visit of the "Kärntner Landtag"      Guided tour through Klagenfurt  
15.30 - 16.00 Coffee-break  
19.00 Optional offer: Book-launch "Internationalization in Teacher Education"

## Wednesday, 5 November, 2014 – Mutual International Exchange

- 09.00 - 09.30 Plenary Session  
09.45 - 11.15 Lectures for local students and staff and international staff  
11.15 - 11.40 Coffee-break  
11.40 - 13.00 Workshops for international partners - Work in different groups  
Lunchtime  
14.00 - 17.00 Students and participants of the International Meeting work together  
14.30 - 17.30 Lecture for Tempus-IRIS-project-partners  
14.00 - 15.30 Guided tour - Dome of Klagenfurt

## Thursday, 6 November, 2014 – Excursion within three countries

- 09.00 - 18.00 Excursion: Austria / Italy / Slovenia

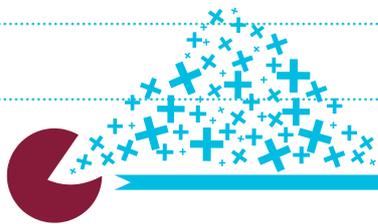
## Friday, 7 November, 2014 – Mutual International Exchange

- 09.00 - 09.30 Plenary Session  
09.45 - 11.15 Workshops for international partners - Work in different groups  
End of International Meeting  
Lunchtime



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