



Comparative Studies on Adult an d Lifelong Learning

The University of Padova is member of a Strategic Partnership programme of Erasmus+ led by the Julius-Maximilians University of Würzburg (JMU). The European project is focused on "Comparative Studies on Adult and Lifelong Learning" and funded by the European Commission.

Current developments show an on-going internationalization and a wide range of diversity in the field of adult education. In this context, the University of Würzburg has implemented an international winter school with large number of international partners for the last two years.

During the Winter Schools up to 90 participants will be teamed-up to compare the practice of adult educators' in their home countries. The Winter School has given them the opportunity to initiate the process of development and linking up international university programmes with those in their home countries.

A joint module is established

In the context of the Strategic Partnership, seven European universities have extended the concept of the Winter School to create a joint module. The project will be integrated at the Master's and doctoral levels in disciplines that explore questions in adult and lifelong learning. The didactical concept is based on a joint blended-learning approach. It intends to bridge a major gap among the training needs of prospective educators in Europe and the academic offerings available for them.

The results of the didactical concept – based on an online tutorial, professional online network and comparative analysis – will be available on the website by the end of the project in August 2018.

In addition, three multiplier events will ensure the sustainable implementation and widespread use of the joint module. Preliminary results will be published and discussed by professionals (February 2016, February 2017, February 2018).

The partnership includes:

- Technische Universität Chemnitz, Germany
- Universidade de Lisboa, Portugal
- University of Padova, Italy
- Università degli Studi di Firenze, Italy
- University of Aarhus, Denmark
- Pécsi Tudományegyetem, Hungary
- Julius-Maximilians-Universität Würzburg, Germany

Furthermore, up to 100 students will have the possibility for a student exchange grant to the Winter School at the JMU.

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