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“Erasmus + green mobility + green schools”

A European Conference on Climate protection and Sustainability in School Education

4th – 6th May 2022 in Potsdam

Climate change and environmental degradation are an existential threat to Europe and the world. To overcome these challenges, all 27 EU Member States have committed themselves to the Green Deal, to turn the EU into the first climate neutral continent by 2050. To get there, they have promised to reduce emissions by at least 55% by 2030, compared to 1990 levels.

The second generation of the Erasmus+ programme (2021-2027) is an important instrument to support the implementation of the Green Deal. Thus, environmental protection and sustainability are even more in the focus of the new programme and are already addressed in many exchange projects in the school sector.

On the one hand, Green Erasmus aims to improve the ecological footprint of the programme itself. On the other hand, Erasmus+ projects want to contribute to a climate-neutral Europe. Traveling with more environmentally friendly means of transport, teaching skills for living in a sustainable and resource-efficient society, as well as promoting projects on green issues and the use of digitalization can make a significant contribution to this goal.

Objectives

- The conference will highlight projects which show how diverse and creative environmental protection and sustainability projects can be.
- Participants will develop ways to carry out sustainability projects, reflecting means of transport and ways to recompensate CO2 emissions. It will address the concept of blended mobility combining virtual and real mobility through the eTwinning platform.
- With the support of experts from the field, the participants of the conference will reflect how environmental and climate protection can be addressed in projects and also in everyday school life.
- The conference will offer networking opportunities for school representatives to find partners and to discuss project proposals for mobility projects and activities related to climate protection and sustainability.

Target groups

- Representatives from schools who are interested in starting mobility activities with a focus on sustainability (from pre-school to upper secondary level, including VET-schools).
- Representatives of Erasmus+ projects (Key action 1 and 2 and eTwinning) that have carried out or are implementing projects on climate and environmental protection.
- Representatives from school authorities and Ministries of Education (mobility consortium coordinators).
- NA representatives (one representative per country).

Number of participants:

- 200 participants. All participants will be asked to provide proof of their Covid19 vaccination and a negative antigen test (not older than 24 hours). The conference programme at the Congress Hotel and the cultural programme will be carried out in accordance with the current safety and hygiene regulations.

Participating countries

- The TCA is open to all Erasmus+ programme countries.

Location

- Kongresshotel Potsdam, Potsdam/Berlin, Germany www.kongresshotel-potsdam.de The hotel is certified as a „Green Hotel“. The venue is very easily accessible by public transport. For a climate-friendly arrival and return journey, we recommend to check the [travel directions](#)

Conference language

- English

Date

- Start: Wednesday, 4th of May (Cultural programme 3:30 – 5:30 pm); welcoming buffet at 7 pm
- End: Friday, 6th 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) in cooperation with the National Agencies of Lithuania and Luxembourg. The conference will contribute to the long-term activity (LTA) on Sustainability and Greening in the new generation of the Erasmus+ programme coordinated by the NA BIBB (German National Agency for the VET sector).

Financing

- The conference will be carried out as a Transnational Cooperation Activity among NAs (TCA) and is financed by the EU programme Erasmus+.
- Hosting costs during the conference (accommodation in the conference hotel from 4th -6th May, meals, conference costs) will be covered by the hosting National Agency.
- Travel costs are covered by the sending National Agencies.

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