

## ***International Training Course on Civic Cross-Cultural Competences for Elementary School Teachers***

***16. - 22. November 2014  
Berlin, Germany***

This teacher training course has two main objectives, the first one is the development of teachers' civic-cross-cultural competences and along with this providing hands-on teaching units for handling heterogeneity in class. Secondly it will offer a basic insight in the topics migration, flight and European migration policies, since laws and other regulations influence the individual beliefs on immigrants.

We will not offer „one size fits all“ solutions for specific problems in class, but we will offer inputs, practically proofed teaching units and create an open atmosphere in which the experiences, ideas, questions and discussions of the participants are very welcome. In such an atmosphere it will also be possible for participants to introduce small units which they use in their daily teaching to the other course participants. For example units that focus on multilingualism, on the differences and similarities of pupils, on methods which allow pupils to describe themselves in a way they want to be seen. This is not a must, in any case – the exchange of ideas, beliefs, approaches in the course session “Teach me” is a highlight of the course, according to the opinions of former participants. Here you can listen to some opinions: <http://www.miracle-comenius.org/training-course.html>

Another highlight will be the school visit in Kreuzberg or in Neukölln (districts of Berlin). How do schools care for their pupils who are not only diverse with regard to their different personalities and because of different mother tongues and family backgrounds. Most of them have a poor socio-economic background. We will introduce practical and also theoretical approaches of schools that support the handling of heterogeneous classes, i.e. through the involvement of parents.

**Course participants from 10 EU countries, Berlin, September 2011 at Alte Feuerwache**



### Organizing institution:

The Department of Didactics of Citizenship Education at the University of Hannover, Germany organises the course (<http://www.ipw.uni-hannover.de/agora.html>).

The head of this unit is Prof. Dirk Lange.

It is a training unit for students who will become teachers and who will work in other fields. The learning subject is civic education, it aims to enable learners to recognize, evaluate, and have an impact on socio-political reality. The Department organised many international training events on cross-cultural competences.

The course is lead by several instructors who are teachers and scientists. Most of them worked in the EU funded MIRACLE project: Migrants and Refugees - A Challenge for Learning in European Schools ([www.miracle-comenius.org](http://www.miracle-comenius.org)).

### Venue:

The course will take place at *Alte Feuerwache* in Berlin Kreuzberg. In the 1980ies and 90ies, the district used to have a reputation 'alternative, rebelling and poor', the inhabitants were working class Berliners, students, artists and immigrants. Today it is still very heterogeneous. Since it is of the centrally located districts, gentrification takes place and challenges existing structures. Find out more about the location: [http://www.spinnenwerk.de/alte-feuerwache/th\\_feuerw.htm](http://www.spinnenwerk.de/alte-feuerwache/th_feuerw.htm) (website only in German)

The hotel *Motel One Berlin Mitte* lies within walking distance to *Alte Feuerwache*: <http://www.motel-one.com/de/hotels/berlin/hotel-berlin-mitte/>

### Why to participate? What to learn? What to take home?

The course participants will have the opportunity to take part in teacher training modules and to get to know several different learning and teaching units, which are applicable in the their own classes.

In the **Migration module**, participants will:

- gain a basic understanding of European immigration and the interrelation between migratory flows and policies in Europe
- critically discuss the criteria of integration and offer a distinctive view on the very different groups of immigrants
- find out information about what many immigrants (from African, Asian, and other non-EU countries...) must go through on their journey to Europe

In the **Whole School Approach module**, participants will:

- be introduced to the concept of the "whole school approach" which views a given school within its administrative, structural, organizational and pedagogic context
- become familiar with key concepts (institutional, structural and individual discrimination, diversity, equality measures)
- look at strategies at the level of the "whole school" which aim to diminish the interrelation between a pupil's school achievement and the teachers view on his or her socioeconomic/ethnic background
- develop a plan of action to incorporate good practices into their daily practice

In the **Cross-Cultural Competences module**, participants will:

- get an understanding of different notions of the concept of culture

- reflect upon their own norms and position in the power structure of his or her society

**Moreover the participants will:**

- have the opportunity to present their own material and approaches to the others – using a hands-on approach (Module Teach Me)
- get to know the German educational system and have the chance to visit an elementary school
- be introduced to and test exercises and material dealing with diversity, prejudices, migration and flight that can be incorporated in teaching in different subjects

**Methodology:**

The course will include short lectures and workshops, with the opportunity to work individually and in groups. Material will be tested, various methods of discussion will be employed (i.e. silent discussion, fish-bowl discussion), and a variety of media will be used to present topics and contents. Furthermore, the course will be centered on the concept of active learning, as opposed to ex-cathedra teaching, as this is favoured by the organizers.

**Follow up/Sustainability:**

Participants will receive a course manual entailing detailed versions of the modules from the teacher training course as well as the teaching/learning material. In addition a facebook page will be established in order to exchange opinions, experiences and ideas of further work-collaboration.

**Costs:**

600€ for accommodation and meals, incl. metro ticket

500€ course fee (tuition and material), total costs: 1100€, most of this will be covered by the your national agency, please refer to the last point: "application"

### ENVISAGED SCHEDULE:

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| <b>SUNDAY, 16<sup>th</sup> November 2014</b>                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Day of arrival                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>MONDAY, 17<sup>th</sup> November 2014</b>                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Morning:</b><br>-Introductions<br>-Ice-breakers<br>-Key note: Historical and Contemporary Movements to Europe, special focus on Germany                                                                                       | <b>Afternoon:</b><br>Module: Migration<br><br>8.00 pm dinner                                                                                                                     |
| <b>TUESDAY, 18<sup>th</sup> November 2014</b>                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Morning:</b><br>Module: Cross-Cultural Competences (CCC)                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>Afternoon:</b><br>Self-reflection: prejudices and power structures in a society                                                                                               |
| <b>WEDNESDAY, 19<sup>th</sup> November 2014</b>                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Morning:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Short lecture: the German School System</li> <li>- Visit an elementary school in the district of Berlin Kreuzberg</li> </ul>                                            | <b>Afternoon:</b><br>free time                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>THURSDAY, 20<sup>th</sup> November 2014</b>                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Morning:</b><br>Module: Learning Materials for Pupils in Elementary Schools<br>Various materials will be introduced acc. to different class room situations. Topics: intercultural learning, diversity, flight and migration. | <b>Afternoon:</b><br>Module: Teach Me I<br>Participants have the opportunity to present their favoured materials and approaches using a hands-on approach.<br><br>8.00 pm dinner |
| <b>FRIDAY, 21<sup>st</sup> November 2014</b>                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Morning:</b><br>Module: Whole School Approach                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>Afternoon:</b><br>Module: Teach Me II<br><br>Course Evaluation<br>Certificates                                                                                                |
| <b>SATURDAY, 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2014</b>                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Departure day</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                  |

### APPLICATION:

Interested schools or other educational institutions are kindly asked to contact us and to inform us about the number of participants who will be sent to the course. Thereafter you will receive a pre-registration paper, finally the application of your school/institution needs to be send to the National Erasmus +/Comenius agency in the resp. country. Here you can find your national agency:

[http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/national-agencies\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/national-agencies_en.htm)

The deadline for application at your national agency: March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014

After being accepted by your national agency please contact us again, then you will receive travel information, bank account details and more information on the course contents.

For **further information** about the application procedure and the course itself please contact Meike Jens: [m.jens@ipw.uni-hannover.de](mailto:m.jens@ipw.uni-hannover.de); Fon: 0049-176-61084246