

TCA with Focus on Southeastern Europe: A New Vision for European Cooperation

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SEPTEMBER 10

16.30-18.00

Arrival and Cultural Programme (optional)

Collegial Exchange & City Tour "Experience a Historic City of Regensburg"

Meeting Point: "Sitzberger" **Flower Store** in the **Central Station** ([Google-Maps-Link](#))

18.00

Dinner at the Restaurant "Brauhaus am Schloss"

Address: Waffnergasse 6, 93047 Regensburg ([Google-Maps-Link](#))

SEPTEMBER 11

9.00-09.30

Arrival & Registration

Address: Lecture Hall (Hörsaal 24), Vielberth-Building ([Google-Maps-Link](#))

09.30-10.00 (Lecture Hall/Hörsaal 24)

Welcome Speeches

- Prof. Dr. Ursula Regener, Vice President for Internationalization and Diversity, University of Regensburg
- Dr. Stephan Geifes, Director of the German National Agency (Higher Education)

10.00-10.30 (Lecture Hall/Hörsaal 24)

Icebreaker with Co-Hosting NAs and NEOs

Beate Körner, Head of Unit Erasmus+ Partnerships and Cooperation Projects, NA DAAD and moderator of the event

10.30-11.15 (Lecture Hall/Hörsaal 24)

Portfolio Presentation - Part 1

- Prof. Dr. Ger Duijzings, University of Regensburg
- Bojana Ivanović Bovan, University of Belgrade

11.15-11.45

Coffee Break



11.45-12.30 (Lecture Hall/Hörsaal 24)

Portfolio Presentation - Part 2

- *Ramona Fader, Babeş-Bolyai University, Romania*
- *Nikolas Djukić, BAYHOST, Regensburg*

12.30-14.00

Lunch

14.00-15.30

Workshops

- Nr. 1: *Mobility (KA1) - How to increase mobilities to Southeastern Europe: New concepts for Networking (VG 004)*
- Nr. 2: *Mobility (KA1) - Blended Intensive Programmes: Potentials & Hurdles (VG 005)*
- Nr. 3: *Cooperation Projects (KA2/KA3) – How to initiate a project and how to write a competitive proposal (VG 014)*
- Nr. 4: *Cooperation Projects (KA2/KA3) - How to successfully manage a project consortium with a focus on Southeastern Europe (VG 015)*

15.30-16.00

Coffee Break

16.00-17.00 (Lecture Hall/Hörsaal 24)

Networking Fair

18.30

Dinner at the Restaurant “Bischofshof am Dom”

Address: Krauterermarkt 3, 93047 Regensburg ([Google-Maps-Link](#))

SEPTEMBER 12

09.30-10.30 (Lecture Hall/Hörsaal 24)

• Erasmus+ Funding Opportunities

Carina Fazius, Maximilian Seiler, Michaela Lanaro, NA DAAD

• DAAD Programs for Southeastern Europe

Antje Schlamm, DAAD

10.30-11.00

Coffee Break

11.00-12.30 (Lecture Hall/Hörsaal 24)

Panel-Discussion - Voices from Participants

Shared experiences: What can we learn for future mobilities and cooperations?

Moderators: Michaela Lanaro, Beate Körner, NA DAAD

12.30-12.45 (Lecture Hall/Hörsaal 24)

The Way Forward - Conclusions and Outlook

- Lunch & End of the Conference -

TCA-Description

Recent developments in politics and societies in Europe and on a global level have shown that the perception of mutual exchange as well as joint project cooperation currently undergo substantive changes. Longstanding cooperations and traditional mobility flows must be complemented with new partners and a new vision about European cooperation. A huge potential for this lies in the cooperation with Southeast European partners. In terms of exploring new concepts of mobility cooperation, not only in- and outbound flows will be taken into consideration but also intra-regional flows as well as blended mobility formats. By figuring out new ways and types of cooperation with Southeast European countries, linguistic, socioeconomic, and political difficulties, which impeded the progress of fostering intra-regional cooperation and created obstacles for students to go abroad will be addressed. By considering already existing partnerships between and with Southeast European countries in the field of higher education we make use of synergies and pre-existing knowledge in this field.

Workshop-Descriptions

Workshop 1:

Mobility (KA1) - How to increase mobilities to Southeastern Europe: New concepts for networking

Speakers & Moderation: *Ivana Balšić, NA Serbia & Mimika Dobroshi, NEO Kosovo, Michaela Lanaro, National Agency Germany (NA DAAD)*

Description:

Now that travel restrictions from the COVID-pandemic are finally lifted, international mobility is in high demand. In this workshop we will look into ideas on increasing mobilities between Germany and neighbouring countries and Southeastern Europe. We will identify obstacles and challenges and explore resources to develop longstanding cooperations and steady mobility numbers.

Goal:

Networking, identifying challenges regarding mobility flows and find solutions through peer-learning and exchange.

Workshop 2:

Mobility (KA1) - Blended Intensive Programmes: Potentials & Hurdles

Speakers & Moderation: *Raluca Boldan & Simona Alexianu, National Agency Romania, Tijana Funk, National Agency Germany (NA DAAD)*

Description: Since the introduction of Blended Intensive Programmes in the current Erasmus+ programme generation (2021-2027), they have been a great asset but pose certain challenges to the universities.

In this workshop regulations on Blended Intensive Programmes will be briefly presented, as well as potentials and challenges. Also, the Romanian National Agency will talk about the demand for Blended Intensive Programmes in their country, problems they encountered and how they solved them.

Goal: Overview of Blended Intensive Programmes, establishing contact with potential partners.

Workshop 3:

Cooperation Projects (KA2/KA3) – How to initiate a project and how to write a competitive proposal

Speakers & Moderation: *Markus Christoph Engert, Technical University of Applied Sciences Würzburg-Schweinfurt & Dr. Marie Vanderbeke, Ruhr University Bochum, Carina Fazius, National Agency Germany (NA DAAD)*

Description: Writing a project proposal does not only require professional expertise and a good project idea. It is also important to meet the formal requirements of an EU application. The session will show which criteria are important in the context of an EU application to increase the chances of EU selection and funding. Furthermore, experiences on initiating a project and applying successfully for cooperation projects in higher education will be shared.

Goal: Expand knowledge on project initiation and writing a successful project proposal, exchange experiences with other participants.

Workshop 4:

Cooperation Projects (KA2/KA3) - How to successfully manage a project consortium with a focus on Southeastern Europe

Speakers & Moderation: *Dr. Mareike Fröhlich LL.M., Saarland University & Prof. Dr. Neda Zdraveva, Ss. Cyrill and Methodius University in Skopje*

Description: Cooperation projects funded under Erasmus+ (Key Action 2 and 3) with its international or European consortia entail special challenges. The workshop which has its focus on Southeastern Europe will deal with a number of questions and will try to find answers to them. These start with the formation of a consortium, the identification of different problem areas and the search for appropriate solutions. Consortium structures, written/verbal agreements, communication channels, cultural differences and practical considerations will be discussed. In particular, the workshop is also intended to provide an opportunity to share experiences and identify best practices.

Goal: Peer-learning and exchange, identifying challenges and find appropriate solutions in the context of consortia structures, networking.

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