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What is ToTo all about?

Social background:

The transformation of the educational world and the world in general requires that teachers become empowered to recognize their role as active actors in sustainable teaching and learning. They should reflect on their own value system.

The future social and educational framework conditions will change based on a new reflection of the value system and the globalization of education.

The project will focus on the practical implementation and evaluation of practical pedagogical work with teachers and learners.

Aims:

The project relies on an interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary approach. It is a project of science, society and practice that is closely linked to the process of the European Union.

It is about a high-quality qualification of teachers and the socio-cultural and emotional participation and part of marginalized groups in society in the educational process, a dialogue-based, systematic knowledge transfer.

Target groups:

Adult education teachers in regular schools, educational counselling centres, coaching area and teachers with a migrant background.



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Partners:

MTU, Tralee (Ireland), the foundation Fazio-Allmeyer of Palermo (Italy), the Theater Association Teatro due mondi (Italy), VHS Simmering (Austria). vhs Pforzheim-Enzkreis (Germany) will be the coordinating institution.

Activities:

There are 4 learning activities on 5 working days each. The participants are teachers and program managers from the partner institutions. They teach in different fields and disciplines. The goal is to put the innovative training Curriculum into practice, to test it and to analyze it. A quantitative and qualitative evaluation of the workshop participants will evaluate and document the results of the workshops.

Products:

1. The development of an innovative competence profile for teachers, which is both interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary (inter-institutional, building on the knowledge and experience of educational institutions dealing with education and knowledge transfer in the future based on the social importance of education and educational processes).
2. The development of teaching and learning materials / tools
Based on the competence profile, appropriate teaching and learning materials are developed, tested and analysed (artistic methods, systemic methods: solution-oriented interviewing, appreciative communication, and digital / virtual methods).
3. Product is the development of a training curriculum, the content of which relates to the new competence profile.

What Impacts do we expect?

Impact on an individual level:

The teachers get to know a new competence profile, they will reflect about their own educational acting with a different pedagogical attitude.

Impact on the institutional level:

The educational institutions will change their training offer and adapt it to the Training Curriculum.

Local / Regional impact:

Intensive exchange of experience with other educational institutions (inter-institutional), interdisciplinary training courses for teachers in the region. Further development of training concepts. More intensive cross-institutional cooperation.

Impact at the system level:

At the systemic level, there may be changes in the educational structure for teacher training. Global teaching and learning in the sense of networked thinking, dialogue based and solution focused learning and teaching, critical thinking and acting.

Sustainable benefit:

The new competence profile and the Training Curriculum have the power to motivate teachers, multipliers, counsellors and political persons to reflect about their own attitudes, ideas, actions and about their value system in the educational context with the aim to change it against the background of a changing world society, "putting on the pedagogical table", new challenges like the migration movement, the new nationalisms and the virtualization of education.

What happened so far?

Transnational Meeting 1 - Pforzheim 27th to 28th of November 2019

Fortunately, the first transnational meeting could still take place in in-person. Nobody suspected anything about the pandemic that was to afflict us in the coming months.



Transnational Meeting 2 - Vienna/Austria: 14th – 15th of July 2021

Due to the current Covid-19 situation, the transnational meeting, which was originally planned for Vienna, had to take place online. Still, it was a very productive get-together. VHS Simmering presented further method tools that have been added to the collection. The competence profile for teachers and the evaluation form were also discussed. It was decided that at the beginning of every training activity the Covid-19 experience will be reflected in an artistic way.



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Training event 1 Palermo/Italy: 20th – 24th of September 2021

The workshop, which took place in Palermo in September 2021, was an interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary approach to teaching and learning through an artistic-expressive itinerary, which focused both on the individual and the group, in a perspective of mutual appreciation. The 16 participants were engaged, both individually and in groups, in activities centered on embodiment and self-awareness (as psycho-body unity), connected to painting and theatre activities in which they developed new professional skills through their self-experience and through the activation of creative processes.



Training event 2 Faenza/Italy: 22th – 26th of November 2021

In November our Training Activities continued in Faenza/Italy. Led by the Teatro due Mondì the participants brought into action their voice and body tools for an inclusive theatre. The used methods provided tools to get in touch with the cultural world of a language, like gestures or sound, in order to get in touch with each other with all senses.



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Transnational Meeting 3 - Faenza/Italy: 24th – 25th of January 2022

Due to the increasing number of infections across Europe, we had to hold the meeting online again. The debriefing and the securing of the Intellectual Outputs from the two training events in Palermo and Faenza as well as the curriculum and the planning of dissemination activities were discussed.



What's next?

We hope that the next training events in Pforzheim/Germany from the 4th to 8th of April 2022 and Tralee/Ireland in May 2022 as well as the Conclusion Transnational Meeting will take place without Covid-19 restrictions.



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