

INTERNATIONAL STAFF TRAINING WEEK 2025

Advanced Project Management for Erasmus+ KA2 Projects

MONDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER, 10:00-19:00 | JENA

Kicking off the International Staff Training Week | Kicking off an Erasmus+ KA2 proposal

Venue: **Accouchierhaus
Jenergasse 8
07743 Jena**



TOPIC IN FOCUS: Preparation of competitive KA2 applications (Getting researchers' attention for Erasmus+ – Giving advice – Going into the application's details – Gaining an insight into how other institutions do it)

- 09:30 – 10:00** *Registration*
- 10:00 – 10:30** **Welcome and introduction to the International Staff Training Week**
Dr. Marcus Hornung, Head division, Student Affairs, Friedrich Schiller University Jena
- 10:30 – 11:30** **Icebreaker and Get-to-know-each-other / Intercultural surprises**
- 11:30 – 12:00** Best practice from participants' universities: **"Structures and support services for EU projects at the University of Jena"**
Stefanie Waterstradt, International Office, Friedrich Schiller University Jena
- 12:00 – 13:00** *Lunch*
- 13:00 – 14:30** **Campus tour combined with short city tour**
- 14:30 – 15:00** *Coffee break*
- 15:30 – 16:30** Best practice from participants' universities: **"Promoting the Erasmus+ Programme opportunities in the frame of the KA2"**
Tiziana Gatti, University of Siena, Italy
- 16:30 – 17:30** Best practice from participants' universities: **"How to promote and support EU project funding at universities?"**
Ulrike Steiger, Pedagogical universities in Baden-Württemberg, Germany
- 18:00 – 19:00** *Welcome reception*
SCALA RESTAURANT,
Leutragraben 1, Jena



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TUESDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER, 9:00-16:30 | JENA

Navigating Erasmus+ KA2 proposals at institutional level

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TOPIC IN FOCUS: Strategic Planning of Erasmus+ proposals at institutional level and within Erasmus+ University Alliances

- 08:30 – 09:00** *Arrival of participants*
- 09:00 – 10:15** Best practice from participants' universities: **"Strategic alignment of education, research and innovation project proposals with departmental, faculty, and university objectives"**
Flavia Carvalho de Souza, University of Twente, The Netherlands
- 10:15 – 10:45** *Coffee break*
- 10:45 – 12:00** Best practice from participants' universities: **"How to best combine KA1 and KA2 funded initiatives and how they can benefit from each other"** UPavia, EC2U
Representative of the University of Pavia, EC2U Alliance
- 12:00 – 13:00** *Lunch: Theatercafé/Schillers Gartenhaus*
- 13:00 – 14:00** *Excursion: Schillers Gartenhaus*
- 14:30 – 15:30** Best practice from participants' universities: **"EC2U Alliance: Best practice for joint strategic proposal planning and writing"**
Stefanie Waterstradt, International Office, Friedrich Schiller University Jena
- 15:30 – 16:30** Best practice from participants' universities: **"Matchmaking tools"**
David Wineroither, Johannes Kepler University Linz, Austria
- 17:00** *Bus transfer to Dresden, starting point: Accouchierhaus (tbc)*
- 20:00** *Arrival at Dresden Central Station (tbc), optional joint dinner at 20:15 around the corner*



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WEDNESDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER, 9:00-16:00
Erasmus+ KA2 Project implementation

Venue: TU Dresden
Gerhart-Potthoff-Bau (POT)
Hettnerstraße 1
01069 Dresden
Room POT112 (1st floor)



TOPIC IN FOCUS: Successful project and lump sum management in Erasmus+ KA2 projects

- 09:00 – 09:30** *Arrival of participants*
- 09:30 – 10:00** **Welcome at TU Dresden**
Christian Gerhardt, Head of the European Project Center
- 10:00 – 11:00** Best practice from participants' universities: **"The European Project Center – how TUD's support structures add to successful project management"**
Natalia Anekina, Team leader at the EPC; Christina Spirow, Erasmus+ Project Manager, TU Dresden, Germany
- 11:00 – 12:00** Best practice from participants' universities: **"Robust financial management"**
Denise Flynn, University of Limerick, Ireland
- 12:00 – 13:30** *Lunch*
- 13:30 – 14:30** Best practice from participants' universities: **"How cultural nuances, communication styles, and differing institutional logics can influence project dynamics"**
William Sanchez, Saxion University of Applied Sciences, Enschede, The Netherlands
- 14:30 – 15:00** *Coffee break*
- 15:00 – 16:00** Best practice from participants' universities: **"How much AI is needed for successful project management?"**
Konstantinos Amlianitis, University College Dublin, Ireland
- 17:30** **Dresden City Tour with Laura Park**
Meeting point: Martin Luther Statue, Neumarkt



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THURSDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER, 9:00-16:30
Erasmus+ KA2 successful project completion

Venue: TU Dresden
Fritz-Foerster-Bau (FOE)
Mommsenstraße 6
01069 Dresden
Room FOE 244H (2nd floor)



TOPIC IN FOCUS: Quality of project implementation, all about indicators, impact and sustainability

- 09:00 – 09:30** *Arrival of participants*
- 09:30 – 10:30** Best practice from participants' universities: **"Impact assessment and development of Key Performance Indicators"**
Egeljin Munkhzul, EUTOPIA Central Office, Brussels, Belgium
- 10:30 – 11:30** Best practice from participants' universities: **"Quality Assurance and Sustainability: ensuring that projects deliver measurable impact and long-term value"**
Aoife Dowling, University College Cork, Ireland
- 11:30 – 12:30** *Lunch*
- 12:30 – 14:00** **TUD lab visit, Chair of Acoustic and Haptic Engineering**
- 14:00 – 15:00** Best practice from participants' universities: **"Risk management – maintain project stability during unexpected changes"**
Marek Zanker, University of Hradec Králové, Czech Republic
- 15:00 – 15:30** *Coffee break*
- 15:30 – 16:30** **"Experiences and recommendations from a National Agency: Successful reporting and impact-driven story-telling in CP"**
Beate Körner, National Agency DE01,
Head of Department EU03 at NA DAAD, Bonn, Germany
- 19:00** *Farewell dinner*
Ball- und Brauhaus Watzke,
Kötzschenbroder Straße 1, 01139 Dresden

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FRIDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER, 9:00-15:00
Erasmus+ KA2 Lobbying

Venue: TU Dresden
Fritz-Foerster-Bau (FOE)
Mommsenstraße 6
01069 Dresden
Room FOE 244H (2nd floor)



Topic in focus: Influence on future programme generations, Cooperation with National Agencies and EACEA, Communication channels

- 09:00 – 09:30** *Arrival of participants*
- 09:30 – 10:15** Best practice from participants' universities: **"The CESAER network – one of the twelve 'Key European Stakeholders for Research Policy'"**
Christian Gerhardts, Head of the European Project Center, TU Dresden, Germany
- 10:15 – 11:30** Best practice from participants' universities: **"Best practices of cooperation with the National Agency in encouraging dialogue between HEIs, national institutions and EACEA"**
Raisa Asikainen, University of Helsinki, Finland
- 11:30 – 12:30** *Lunch*
- 12:30 – 14:00** **"Insights from the National Agency: Wishes, Expectations and Experiences regarding the cooperation and communication with beneficiaries"**
Interview and discussion with Beate Körner, National Agency DE01, Head of Department EU03 at NA DAAD, Bonn, Germany
- 14:00 – 14:30** Wrap-up and options for future collaboration
- 14:30 – 15:00** *Farewell coffee*
- 15:00** *Departure of participants*