



Competence Germany and Networking

GerN!

Higher Education Staff Mobility

5-days professional training, networking and partner visit

20 – 24 February, 2012 and 16 – 20 April, 2012

Berlin

Programme

Sunday, 19 February / 15 April, 2012

Day of arrival of participants

7.00 p.a.

Welcome-Meeting, more dates to be announced

Monday, 20 February / 16 April, 2012

First Day: Germany now and then

We will look into the recent German history: has the country been re-united after the Wall came down? A tour through the German 'Bundestag' will give insights into Germany politics and history. An unusual tour of the city will then let you enter the German past.

9.00 - 11.30 a.m.

- Germany divided – Berlin divided: Lecture in The Federal Agency for Civic Education
- Introduction to the work of The Federal Agency for Civic Education

12.00 - 1.00 p.m.

- Tour through the German Bundestag, located in the Reichstag-Building

1.00 - 2.00 p.m.

- Lunch in Berlin-Mitte

2.30 - 4.30 p.m.

- City tour through Berlin with historical videos, run by VIDEOBUSTOUR

7.00 p.m.

Social programme: Get together and networking at dinner, city life

Thursday, 21 February / 17 April, 2012

Second Day: German education policy

You will get an idea about the German understanding of education and the education policy in Germany. You will get the state of the art in education policy by learning about the 'Initiative for Excellency' competition and about the tendencies in international development in higher education. To round the day off you will get to know a German university from the inside.

9.00 - 10.30 a.m.

- German Identity and the German Understanding of Education in Europe's Mirror. Presentation by Prof. Dr. G. Wolfram, The Federal Agency for Civic Education

11.00 - 12.00 a.m.

- Visit to a Germany Ministry responsible for education
Topic of information: `Initiative for Excellency` in higher education

12.30 - 1.30 p.m.

- Lunch in Berlin-Mitte

2.00 - 3.00 p.m.

- Visit to the DAAD in Berlin

3.30 - 5.00 p.m.

- Visit to a university and its international office

7.00 p.m.

Social Programme: Homestay – be a guest with friends: experience German hospitality.

Wednesday, 22 February / 18 April, 2012

Third Day: The German system of higher education

You will get to know interesting facts about the various forms of higher education institutes and about the fields of higher education. We will also look into the changes which the Bologna process brought about. Getting to know the difference in the structures of international offices will help you when looking for potential partners. Closing the day you will hear the pros and cons of the German system of higher education.

9.00 - 12.00 a.m.

- The higher education area in Germany
- Bologna process and its implementation in Germany

12.00 - 1.00 p.m.

- Lunch

1.00 - 3.00 p.m.

- International Offices and their structures

3.30 - 4.30 p.m.

- A 'foreign' student's report

Mentoring and training:

- Ms. Christine Lange has been working as an International Officer for more than ten years at a university of applied sciences for engineering.
- Ms. Johanna Janotta worked in the International Office of different universities. With OMUNDO she creates projects in the field of academic exchange.

7.00 p.m.

Networking in the evening: participants present their universities at dinner, afterwards city life

Thursday, 23 February / 19 April, 2012
Fourth Day: Intercultural Training Germany

During this training day participants will gain a deeper insight in German culture and mentality, improve their intercultural competencies and strengthen their communication skills. Participants will learn to communicate and negotiate effectively with their German colleagues at universities or in other institutions, to assist their outgoing students and researchers in preparing their (exchange) stay in Germany and the incomings from Germany during their integration process. By using various methods in the seminar such as discussions, partner interviews, role plays and critical incidents participants are imparted hands on experience and a better understanding of German culture and the essentials of everyday life in Germany. Stereotypes about Germans will be analyzed and important questions taken from the professional context of international offices will be discussed.

9.00 - 12.00 and 1.00 - 2.30 p.m.

- Cooperating with German institute of higher education – coming to a successful agreement

Mentoring and training:

- Ms. Dr. Ulrike Brands-Proharam Gonzalez worked as an international relations manager for nearly 20 years before she was elected to her university's equal opportunities office.

3.00 p.m.

Summary of the GerN! Training

Trip to the partner university / guest university

Friday, 24 February / 20 April, 2012

Fifth Day: Visit to the partner university, resp. another guest university

The programme will be continued at the partner university. If participants have not been cooperating with a German university so far we will help with looking for an appropriate one to visit.

Alternatively we can offer a weekend programme in Berlin. The costs will be calculated individually.

Please take into consideration that the times are subject to change.