
INTERNATIONAL STAFF TRAINING WEEK

VIRTUAL EXCHANGE FOR INNOVATION IN EDUCATION

Padova, 15-17 June 2020

Why Virtual Exchange?

Virtual Exchange is expanding rapidly in Higher Education and is strongly supported by the European Commission within the new Erasmus+ programme 2021-2027. Rather than replacing physical mobility, it is often complementary to it, by preparing, deepening and extending physical exchange. Virtual Exchange is also recognized as an excellent tool to develop soft skills such as entrepreneurship, digital competence, foreign language competence, communication skills, group work, intercultural awareness and the ability to work in a diverse cultural context.

Virtual Exchange can also contribute to the internationalisation of Higher Education Institutions by enhancing internationalisation at home, enrich universities mobility offers, and enhance staff competencies to work in an intercultural and international setting.

Through the International Week, we would like to bring together International Officers, Academics, and other university staff engaged with or interested in Virtual Exchange. It is often still regarded as a 'niche programme' and we feel active discussion with stakeholders and practitioners is key for its further development.

DRAFT AGENDA

DAY 1 - Monday, 15 June 2020

@ Aula Nievo, Palazzo Bo

13:30-14:00	Registration
14:00 – 14:15	Welcome & Introduction <i>Alessandro Paccagnella, Vice-Rector for International Relations, University of Padua</i>
14:15 – 14:45	The University of Padua: inspiring global change since 1222 <i>Dora Longoni, Director of the International Relations Division, University of Padua</i>
14:45 - 15:30	Is virtual real? Galileo Online <i>Keynote speaker - Tom Gorman, Coventry University</i>
15:30 – 16:00	Virtual and blended mobility in the new Erasmus+ Programme <i>European Commission (tbc)</i>
16:00 - 16:30	From MOOCS to Virtual Exchange: an Introduction to EVE <i>Francesca Helm, University of Padua</i>
16:30 – 17:00	Virtual Exchange: how to make the most of it Speaker tbc
17:30 - 18:30	<i>Guided tour of Palazzo Bo, University of Padua Rectorate Building</i>

DAY 2 - Tuesday, 16 June 2020

@ Sala Canova, Palazzo Storione + live-streaming (tbc)

9:00 – 10:00	Presentation of participants <i>All participants</i>
10:00 – 10:30	Virtual Exchange: opportunities and challenges <i>Sara Pittarello, UNCollaboration</i>
10:30 - 13:00	Case studies <i>NICE – University of Edinburgh</i> <i>ETANDEM – University of Padua Language Centre</i> <i>Other case studies presented by participants</i>
13:30 - 14:30	<i>Lunch</i>
14:30 - 17:30	Virtual Exchange in Practice <i>European Universities</i> <i>Erasmus+ Mobility (KA103 + KA107)</i> <i>Joint Programmes</i> <i>Administrative Staff Trainings</i> <i>(Presentations by UniPD and participants)</i>
19:00	<i>Social programme & Dinner</i>

DAY 3 - Wednesday, 17 June 2020

@ Palazzo Wollemborg (tbc)

9:00 – 11:00	Recognition of virtual mobility <i>Case studies presented by UniPD, external partners, and participants</i>
11:00 - 13:00	Parallel Working groups on selected topics <i>All participants</i>
13:00 - 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00 – 16:00	Working Group Presentations & Take-aways for home institutions <i>All participants</i>
16:00 – 16:30	Conclusions and certificates <i>Dora Longoni, Director of the International Relations Division, University of Padua</i>