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
Alessandro Paccagnella, Vice-Rector for International Relations,
University of Padua

14:15 – 14:45 The University of Padua: inspiring global change since 1222
Dora Longoni, Director of the International Relations Division,
University of Padua

14:45 – 15:30 Is virtual real? Galileo Online
Tom Gorman, Coventry University

15:30 – 16:00 Virtual and blended mobility in the new Erasmus+ Programme
Harpa-Síf Arnarsdóttir, European Commission – DG EAC

16:00 – 16:30 An introduction to Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange
Francesca Helm, University of Padua

16:30 – 17:00 Virtual Exchange: how to make the most of it
Speaker tbc

17:30 – 18:30 Guided tour of Palazzo Bo, University of Padua Rectorate Building
DAY 2 - Tuesday, 16 June 2020
@ Sala Canova, Palazzo Storione + life-streaming

9:00 – 10:00
Presentation of participants
All participants

10:00 – 10:30
Virtual Exchange: opportunities and challenges
Sara Pittarello, UNiCollaboration

Case studies
NICE - University of Edinburgh
ETANDEM – University of Padua Language Centre
Other case studies presented by participants

13:30 – 14:30
Lunch

14:30 – 17:30
Virtual Exchange in Practice
European Universities
Erasmus+ Mobility (KA103 + KA107)
Joint Programmes
Administrative Staff Trainings
(Presentations by UniPD and participants)

19:00
Social programme & Dinner

DAY 3 - Wednesday, 17 June 2020
@ Palazzo Maldura

9:00 – 11:00
Recognition of virtual mobility
Case studies presented by UniPD, external partners, and participants

11:00 – 13:00
Parallel Working groups on selected topics
All participants

13:00 – 14:00
Lunch

14:00 – 15:00
Take-aways for home institutions, conclusions and certificates
All participants

15:00 – 17:00
NICE project multiplier event (interactive workshop)