

Workshop

Facilitating European Mobility of Foreign Language Teachers

Monday, 3 June 2024, 10:30 – 16:30 (CET)

Goethe-Institut Brussels, Rue Belliardstraat 58, 1040 Bruxelles/Brussel

Format: Workshop, by invitation only

Introduction

In light of significant teacher shortages across Europe, including for language teachers in secondary schools, there is a need to reflect about innovative solutions to enhance the attractiveness of the teacher profession and to facilitate international mobility of teachers. Innovative projects and initiatives have been developed to address obstacles and identify possible solutions to pave the way for streamlining teacher mobility in Europe.

The EU calls for teacher mobility to become a common feature of teachers' training and in their career, which is one of the key drivers towards the achievement of the European Education Area by 2025 and has been advocated by the Council Recommendation "Europe on the Move" adopted by the Council in May 2024. National scholarship programmes such as Lehramt.International and SCHULWÄRTS! are supporting prospective teachers undertaking an internship in a school abroad and are strengthening internationalisation processes of higher education and schools.

Workshop objectives

In the context of recent policy developments and debates in Europe, Goethe-Institut Brussels together with DAAD Brussels jointly invited policy makers and stakeholders to their interactive workshop to engage in stimulating exchanges about the key barriers and possible solutions to overcoming pressing challenges in cross-border mobility of foreign language teachers in Europe.

In particular, the workshop aimed at:

- Identifying recent EU policy developments and initiatives
- Presenting the outcomes of innovative programmes, projects and initiatives
- Igniting an interactive dialogue among participants about the main barriers, possible solutions and stakeholders needed to move forward to facilitate international teacher mobility in Europe.

Agenda

10:00-10:30	Welcome coffee and registration
10:30-10:45	Words of welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Rafael D. Deschka – Director Language and Education Programs, Deputy General Director, Goethe-Institut Brussels ▪ Tanja Kreetz – Deputy Director DAAD Brussels Office
10:45-11:15	Introduction into relevant developments and policies in the EU <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Jacqueline Pacaud, Head of Sector, European Commission, DG-EAC
11:15-11:30	Icebreaker Moderation: Gerhard Salbeck, Representative Educational and Linguistic Cooperation, Goethe-Institut
11:30-12:00	Input from the Interreg project EMRLingua and Q&A <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dorien Coppens, Researcher, Institute for Transnational and Euregional cross border cooperation and Mobility (ITEM)
12:00-12:30	Internationalisation of Teacher Training – a German perspective <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lehramt.International - Jelena Bloch, Programme Coordinator, DAAD ▪ SCHULWÄRTS! - Benjamin Günther, Programme Coordinator, Goethe-Institut
12:30-13:30	Lunch break
13:30-15:30	World Café Barriers, possible solutions, stakeholders required, next steps Moderation: Tanja Kreetz
15:30-15:45	Coffee break
15.45-16:15	Presentation of the World Café results Gerhard Salbeck
16:15-16:30	Wrap-up and ideas for the way forward Tanja Kreetz
16:30	End of the event