

## Invitation to participate in the Erasmus+ KA1 school education - consortium application of the Provincial School Board of Styria

# DÖKOT - Das ökologische Talent

The ecological talent

Ökologie – Nachhaltigkeit – Innovation

Ecology – Sustainability - Innovation



On the suggestion of the Austrian “Ökolog-Network” and in view of the fact that the Federal Ministry of Education and Research is encouraging us to include environmental and climate protection as an interdisciplinary teaching principle in schools, the Styrian Provincial School Board is submitting an application by 5<sup>th</sup> February 2020 for an Erasmus+ consortium project, which is focusing on ecology, environmental protection, sustainability, innovation, nutrition, digitisation, eco-entrepreneurship, internationalisation, Europe, foreign languages, intercultural learning and promotion of talents.

Within an Erasmus+ School Education KA1 consortium several Austrian schools join together under the direction of a school authority for courses, exchange and guest lecturing outside of Austria in countries which take part in the Erasmus-programme. The aim is to work locally, regionally, nationally and at a European level on the quality of education with demand-oriented priorities.

**DÖKOT** is the seventh consortial application of the Styrian Provincial School Board. Courses as well as visits and guest lectures in other European schools are intended to bring competences to the Austrian educational school staff in the fields of ecology - sustainability - innovation and internationalisation. The mobilities will be financed by Erasmus+ once the application has been approved.

This consortium project is part of a Europe-wide initiative: 16 other countries are also applying for funding under the priorities “Ecology – Sustainability – Innovation”. Each country develops its own European training and exchange programme on a common basis. The motto is: "Learn from each other, know with each other". The applicants met at the Erasmus+ training courses "Universités de Francophonie" in summer 2019 in Nice.

One of our major project partners is the Ecolog-network and its partner network in Europe. Ecolog schools from all over Europe will share their know-how with groups of visitors from Austria.

Beside the training and exchange program which will take place outside of Austria, there will also be a national/regional program which will contain topic-related offers for the Austrian Schools. We are already connected with many partner organisations. Both programs are currently developed.

### **What is the project about?**

The project will focus on the topics "Ecology-Sustainability-Innovation" and will give Austrian teachers (and also people from other institutions like universities, NGOs, public administrations) the chance to visit schools and attend conferences, workshops etc. in partner schools/institutions. The project is part of a Europe-wide initiative of Erasmus+ projects in the field of ecology.

### **What are we looking for?**

We are looking for schools, institutions, public entities for visits of Austrian teachers. These schools/institutions should offer possibilities for job shadowing and/or workshops/conferences/training courses which cover the topic "Ecology-Sustainability-Innovation".

### **How to cooperate with us?**

Suitable schools/institutions would be "receiving project partners", which means that they would welcome Austrian teachers and other school staff from October 2020. Exact dates will be coordinated by us together with the project partners after the project was approved by the EU. As partners you do not have to be registered in Erasmus+ (but it would be helpful) and will welcome Austrian teachers and other staff from October 2020. If you want to be a "receiving project partner" in our current project application, please contact us until **01<sup>st</sup> of February 2020**.

Costs for accommodation, journey and course fees of the Austrian participants are funded by Erasmus+.

### **What can you expect from participating in the project?**

- International exchange and networking between stakeholders from the education sector
- Austrian schools and organisations which are sending their staff to you are potential receiving partners for your future Erasmus+ projects
- Possibility to spread your methods internationally
- Get international input and feedback
- You can increase your international profile/publicity
- You may join our networking event in Graz
- future teacher and student exchanges

### **Sidenotes:**

As already mentioned above we are looking for schools/institutions/associations... will be so called "receiving partners" which means that they only will receive staff from Austria. Unfortunately, we cannot finance teachers/staff visiting Austria – this is not possible in an Erasmus+ KA1 project.

However, we also encourage you to start an Erasmus+ KA1 project which allows you to send educational staff to Austria or other Erasmus program countries.

### **How to contact us:**

You want be part of our project or you have questions?  
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