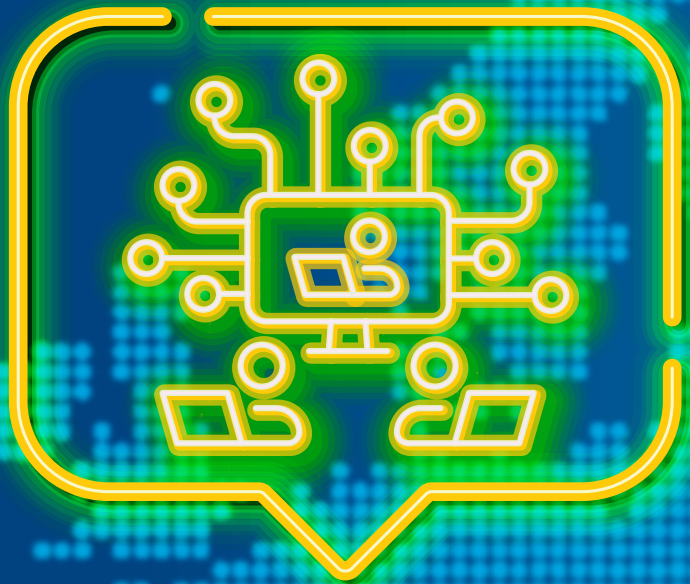


Invitation



Virtual Exchanges in European Teacher Education

Webinar on the 21st of November
2023 from 4 – 6 p.m.

VIRTUAL COLLABORATION IN 
EUROPEAN TEACHER EDUCATION

The webinar is organised by the project '**Virtual Collaboration in European Teacher Education**' run by Dr. Vasileios Symeonidis and his team at the Department of Educational Research and School Pedagogy at the University of Education Freiburg. The webinar will provide expert talks, a panel discussion as well as an open discussion round. The aim is to discuss the potential and challenges of designing and implementing virtual exchanges in teacher education, focusing on the case of the University of Education Freiburg.

Leading Questions will be:

- What is Virtual Exchange? What is their potential for initial teacher education programmes?
- What are examples of successful applications of virtual exchange programmes? What can we learn from them?
- What needs to be considered when including elements of virtual exchanges in our teaching?

Registration and attendance:

Please register for the webinar by sending a mail to Jens Alber (jens.alber@ph-freiburg.de).


You can join the webinar on Zoom via this link:

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Content

Virtual Exchanges in teacher education can offer a space for intercultural communication, exchanges and joint academic training for future teachers who will have an active role in educating the next generation of European and global citizens. They can also contribute to the internationalisation of teacher education by forming bonds between future teachers across national borders and thus promote future projects of intercultural exchanges. Furthermore, they have the potential to better link theoretical and practical knowledge in teacher education across a variety of related disciplines and to enhance the number and ways of intercultural learning opportunities for future teachers.

Across the world, we are currently witnessing a continuous emergence of new types of partnerships and networks in higher education. Globalisation has increased the need for international cooperation and internationalisation, transcending the boundaries of time and space in which universities are operating, while the Covid-19 pandemic has forced us to rethink how we use digital media in our teaching. In addition, the declining number of student teachers in Germany as well as the increasing shortage of teaching posts in German schools have intensified the need for universities to form partnerships with each other to be able to provide student teachers with excellent and innovative education that inspires a new generation of future educators.

In this online workshop, we will be discussing opportunities and challenges of designing and implementing Virtual Exchanges in teacher education, focusing on the case of the University of Education Freiburg. We will critically reflect on the role that virtual and hybrid mobilities can play for promoting the internationalisation and digitalisation agenda of teacher education institutions.

Programme

16:00 – 16:05: Opening (Vasileios Symeonidis)

16:05 – 16:20 h: Developing Virtual Exchanges at the University of Education Freiburg (Verena Bodenbender)

16:20 – 16:50 h: Virtual Collaboration in European Teacher Education (Vasileios Symeonidis & Maria Antonietta Impedovo)

16:50 – 17:00 h: Break

17:00 – 17:30 h: Panel Discussion 'The potential and challenges of virtual exchanges in teacher education' (Nina Kulovics, Katja Zaki, Claudia Ingrisch-Rupp, Thomas Herrmann)

17:30 – 17:55 h: Open Discussion (all participants)

17:55 – 18:00 h: Concluding Remarks (Vasileios Symeonidis)



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