

SEA-EU Staff Week

Fostering Educational Excellence and development of the Higher Education quality through transversal skills

Dates: 24/09/2024 - 26/09/2024

Venue: Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Poljička cesta 35, Split

General information

Hosting institution:	University of Split Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences
Staff Week Title:	Fostering Educational Excellence and development of the Higher Education quality through transversal skills
Abstract:	<p>Staff Week will be organized at the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences at the University of Split. Main idea of the Staff Week is to provide various insights and perspectives on the fostering educational excellence. In that process, special emphasis will be placed on analyzing and researching the quality of higher education from the perspective of transversal skills, which are recognized as important components of personal, social, and professional well-being. Participants will gain insights into various current topics such as inclusion, co-creation process between students and teachers, migration, development of critical thinking, social responsibility, etc. with the aim of improving the quality of the higher education process and the level of cooperation with students. Overall, the staff week aims to equip participants with a diverse set of knowledge and skills to enhance teaching quality, create inclusive environments, develop transversal skills and address various aspects that influence students' holistic development.</p> <p>The expected learning outcomes of the Staff Week are:</p> <p><i>Enhanced Understanding of Critical Thinking and Creativity:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants will gain insight into effective methods for encouraging students' critical thinking skills. • Participants will identify strategies for fostering students' creativity. <p><i>Elevated Teaching Quality and Institutional Standards:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants will engage in discussions on best practices to elevate teaching quality. • Participants will gain insights into strategies for enhancing institutional standards to improve overall quality in operations.

	<p><i>Improved Student-Teacher Cooperation and Transversal Skill Development:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants will develop understanding of different methods to strengthen cooperation and co-creation of students and teachers. • Participants will explore different ways to develop transversal skills in students to better prepare them for future challenges. <p><i>Cultivation of Inclusive Environments:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants will learn about creating and maintaining inclusive environments within educational institutions. • Participants will discuss strategies for fostering acceptance of diversity and promoting inclusivity. • Participants will identify practical steps to make educational institutions more inclusive. <p><i>Impact of Family and Social Environment on Students:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants will explore influence of family and social factors on students' academic performance and well-being. • Participants will develop tools for supporting students facing challenges in their family and social environments. • Hidden Curriculum Awareness and Teacher Training: • Participants will increase awareness among teachers regarding the importance of the hidden curriculum. <p><i>Implementation of Sustainable Practices:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants will increase understanding the significance of sustainable issues in higher education. • Participants will explore practical ways to integrate sustainable practices into educational institutions.
<p>Application details and deadline:</p>	<p>Applicants should fill out the application form by 1st August 2024, available here.</p>
<p>Dates of the staff week:</p>	<p>24th September – 26th September 2024</p>
<p>Number of participants:</p>	<p>Each SEA-EU university can propose up to 3 participants.</p>
<p>Mobility costs:</p>	<p>Participation is free of charge. Travel expenses and accommodation can be covered through Erasmus + KA103 Staff Mobility.</p>
<p>Contact:</p>	<p>Ivana Jadrić (ijadric@fst.hr) and Gordana Dujmović in copy (gordana.dujmovic@unist.hr).</p>

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<p>Target group/ expected profile of participants:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff Week is designed for both teaching and non-teaching staff with a focus on cultivating excellence in higher education, staying abreast of trends, and ensuring the highest standards of quality. • It is open to all those who wish to learn how to become better educators and professionals, gain a deeper understanding of students and contemporary challenges, and contribute to the development of a better learning environment for students and development of institution.
<p>Requirements</p>	<p>English B1</p>
<p>Agenda</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Tentative program, subject to eventual changes.</i> <u>Tuesday, 24th September 2024</u></p> <p>09:00-09:30 Registration of participants</p> <p>09:30-10:00 Opening Session, program presentation (Welcome words from the Dean, Full Professor Ina Reić Ercegovac, PhD)</p> <p>10:00-10:30 Quality in higher education through transversal skills and hidden curriculum (Invited lecture of Associate Professor Morana Koludrović, PhD)</p> <p>10:30-11:00 Assessing and developing students' critical thinking (Invited lecture of Associate Professor Bruno Ćurko, PhD)</p> <p>11:00-11:30 Development of Student Creativity in Higher Education (Invited lecture of Associate Professor Tonća Jukić, PhD)</p> <p>11:30-12:00 Coffee-break</p> <p>12:00-13:30 Panel discussion with one representative from all SEA-EU partner institutions Topic: “The Need for Teacher Awareness and Training in Hidden Curriculum”</p> <p>Main questions to address:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Should teachers be trained in the field of hidden curriculum?</i> • <i>Examples of good practice</i> • <i>What values do we teach?</i> • <i>The influence of teachers' attitudes and values on students</i> • <i>Reflection on the students</i> <p><i>Moderator: Assistant Professor Ivan Buljan, PhD</i></p> <p>13:30 Networking Lunch</p>

17:00 Informal sightseeing of the city center
Meeting point: National Theatre, Trg Gaje Bulata 1, Split

Wednesday, 25th September 2024

09:00-09:30 Registration of participants

09:30-10:00 Embracing Diversity: Strategies for Inclusive Excellence in Higher Education (Invited lecture of Assistant Professor Toni Maglica, PhD)

10:00-10:30 The role of academic freedom in the development of transversal skills (Invited lecture of Associate Professor Marita Brčić Kuljiš, PhD)

10:30-11:00 Coffee-break

11:00-11:30 The influence of the media on the behavior of students (Invited lecture of Associate Professor Morana Koludrović, PhD)

11:30-12:00 The influence of the social environment on the students' educational achievements (Invited lecture of Associate Professor Zorana Šuljug Vučica, PhD)

12:00-12:30 The connection between family status and student academic achievement (Invited lecture of Associate Professor Ivana Visković, PhD)

13:30-14:30 Panel discussion with one representative from all SEA-EU partner institutions
Topic: "**Advancing Excellence in Higher Education: Nurturing Quality Teaching, Institutional Enhancement, and Inclusive Collaboration**"

Main questions to address:

- *How to increase the level of the teaching quality (tools and practices)?*
- *How to increase the level of the institutions' quality in general?*
- *How to develop strengths of cooperation between students and teachers?*
- *How to increase transversal skills at students?*
- *How to increase an atmosphere of acceptance of diversity?*
- *What tools to implement in order to increase the quality level in HE (peer-review, surveys, co-creation techniques etc.)?*
- *How to encourage transdisciplinary approach in Higher Education Area?*

Moderator: Assistant Professor Nikša Varezić, PhD

14:30 Networking lunch

	<p><u>Thursday, 26th September 2024</u></p> <p>09:00-09:30 Registration of participants</p> <p>09:30-10:00 Implementation of the Sustainable Issues in Higher Education Area (Invited lecture of Assistant Professor Ivana Restović, PhD)</p> <p>10:00-10:30 Service-Learning Synergy: Transformative Teaching in the Modern Educational Landscape (Invited lecture of Ivana Jadrić, PhD)</p> <p>10:30-11:00 Coffee-break</p> <p>11:00-11:30 Can we help in the development of moral and ethical values in students? (Invited lecture of Assistant Professor Ivan Buljan, PhD)</p> <p>12:00 Networking lunch</p>
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Practical information

Accommodation & other useful information	A welcome brochure will be sent to the registered participants.
Address of the staff week	University of Split Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences Poljička cesta 35, 21000 Split
How to apply to the staff week?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you wish to participate in this Staff Week, kindly complete the registration form before the deadline on August 1st, 2024. • For all questions related to the Erasmus+ program, and signing of the Mobility Agreement please contact Tamara Ljubičić (ljubicic@fst.hr). • For all questions related to the Staff Week program, contact Ivana Jadrić (ijadric@fst.hr) and Gordana Dujmović (gordana.dujmovic@unist.hr) in copy. • To apply for an Erasmus mobility grant, please contact International Office at your home university.