European Quality Development System for Inclusive Education and Teacher Training

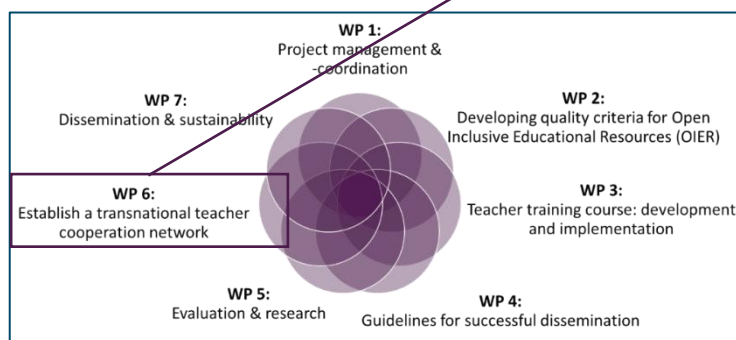## What's EQui-T again?

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European Quality Development System for Inclusive Education and Teacher Training – EQui-T is funded by the European Commission as part of the Erasmus+ Teacher Academies Call. It was launched on 15th June 2023. In this international three-year project, seven European universities from five partner countries are working together to further develop digitally supported inclusive teaching in Europe. The focus is on teaching and learning materials in the form of Open Educational Resources (OER) for inclusive teaching - **Open Inclusive Educational Resources (OIER)**.

Spotlight on…

Work package 6: Establish a transnational teacher cooperation network:
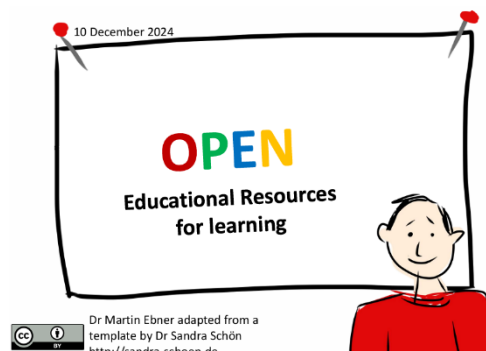
EQui-T Opening Event

On 11th December 2024, the first virtual **international network meeting** took place as part of the EQui-T project. **Over 80 participants** from **Austria, Spain, Italy, and Norway** took the opportunity to share their experiences of open educational resources for inclusive education and to network.

The event was opened and moderated by HS-Prof.[in] **Caroline Breyer**, PhD. Afterwards, Univ.-Prof.[in] Dr.[in] **Barbara Gasteiger-Klicpera**, project leader of the EQui-T project, presented the aims and content of the project.

The highlight of the event were **two keynote speeches**:

Priv.-Doz. Dipl.-Ing. Dr.techn. **Martin Ebner** spoke about 'Open Educational Resources for Learning' and presented the opportunities and challenges of freely accessible educational materials. He showed concrete approaches on how we can meet these challenges in our own teaching and learning and how to use OER effectively in the classroom.

Screenshot of the slides of the presentation "Open Educational Resources for Learning"

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David Wohlhart, BEd, spoke in his presentation about 'Inclusive Teaching: Concepts and Connections with Digital Scaffolding'. He highlighted innovative approaches to inclusive teaching and how digital technologies can support these teaching and learning processes.

The links to the slides and the review of the event can be found on our Equi-T website: https://equi-t-academy.eu/en/events-2/

Screenshot of the slides to the presentation "Inclusive teaching: Concepts and connections with Digital

Following the keynotes, the participants were able to exchange ideas in national network breakout sessions. Participants were able to share their previous experiences with Open Educational Resources (OER), connect with each other and formulate expectations of the EQui-T network. Finally, the most important findings of the national networks were brought back to the plenum and shared with the entire international network.

The EQui-T Opening Event laid a solid foundation for (inter)national cooperation in inclusive education. We are looking forward to developing the international network with active participants and creating and spreading innovative approaches to inclusive education. Our next virtual international network meeting will be held on 25th February 2025, 16:00-18:00 CET.

This has also happened so far…

Advance notice of work package 2: Development of a Criteria catalogue for OER

The project teams from the University of Granada and the University of Graz have been working intensively over the last few months on the creation of a criteria catalogue for the evaluation of Open (Inclusive) Educational Resources.

This catalogue includes different aspects of OER, recommendations, examples and a checklist. It can be used to assess the minimum quality of OER and also as a guide for self-created or adapted OER.

After several feedback loops with revisions and adjustments, the criteria catalogue is now close to being finalised.

We will report on this soon. So, follow us to stay updated 😊

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Or just visit our website: https://equi-t-academy.eu/en/ to find out more about the project and/ or sign up for our newsletter: daniela.ender@pph-augustinum.at

Speakers' corner:

This is the corner for miscellaneous things we want to share with you. We will give an introduction of two of the project partners and will continue introducing the consortium in the next newsletter.

University of Tallinn: *Bringing the TEL touch to Equi-T project*

Centre for Educational Technology is the research centre of the [School of Digital Technology, Tallinn University (TLU)](). The Centre was established 29 years ago and is now one of the leading competency-centres in technology-enhanced learning in Estonia.

The researchers and developers' team in the Centre focuses on theoretical, methodological and practical questions related to educational uses of technologies for teaching and learning in formal and informal educational settings. Our centre investigates the development, adoption and use of technologies in several areas of society with a data-driven focus. Special emphasis is put on technologies in education and industry.

The centre encourages highly links between research and teaching. Our teaching is research-led and research is informed by our teaching. We involve our MA and PhD students in our projects and research activities. Our teaching programs on the MA level are international level programs: Digital Learning Games and Open Society Technologies and local programs Educational Technology and Teacher for Informatics. Also, we are actively collaborating with the Estonian schools to pilot research-based solutions and methodologies and policymakers from HarNo to integrate our research results to policy actions.

Tallinn University team in lovely Oslo during the Equi-T meeting 2024.

Our international team consists of professors, associate professors, lecturers, junior researchers, developers and other project specialists who are working in our research groups.

In the Equi-T project we have a team of three - Kairit Tammets, Professor of Technology Enhanced Learning, Kristin Parve, Junior Research Fellow of Mathematics and Linda Helene Sillat, Associate Professor of Learning Technologies.

Sincerely, the Uni Tallin Team

University College of Teacher Education Styria: *Building bridges - empowering inclusive education*

The University College of Teacher Education Styria (PHSt) is a nationally and internationally renowned public higher education institution with around 1,600 employees. As a central institution for teacher professionalisation, the PHSt offers comprehensive training, further education and continuing education programmes for educational professionals. These programmes extend across the elementary, primary and secondary levels and cover both general and vocational education.

The PHSt plays an active role in national and international research projects. In line with its guiding principle of 'Teaching.Learning.Research', PHSt aims to develop innovative approaches to improve the quality of action of teachers and other educational professionals in the educational context. Research results are directly integrated into teaching practice and are also incorporated into quality assurance counselling for schools and educational institutions.

Inclusive education is a particular focus of the PHSt. The university trains teaching staff at all levels of the education system for inclusive education. Moreover, PHSt is a cooperation partner of the Research Centre for Inclusive Education Graz. With its expertise in inclusion research and education, PHSt contributes significantly to the further development and design of an education system that sees diversity as an opportunity and enables equitable participation for all learners.

The University of Teacher Education Styria is also a strategic partner in the Erasmus+ Teacher Academy project EQui-T and is primarily responsible for establishing national and international networks. Three members of staff from the University College of Teacher Education Styria are involved in this project and contribute their expertise in inclusive, digitally supported education:

Caroline Breyer is a university college professor for Inclusive Education Research and Inclusive Didactics at the Institute for Secondary Teacher Education. She is characterised by her extensive expertise in the field of inclusion research, where she focuses in particular on topics relating to inclusive school and lesson development as well as the professionalisation of educational specialists in inclusive settings.

Veronika Ruhry is a professor with many years of experience in school teaching. She is particularly interested in the interdisciplinary combination of art and science, which she passionately promotes in research and teaching.

Christina Hasenhüttl is an EQui-T team member at PHSt. Her research evolves around school effectiveness and improvement, with equity being a central theme among her work. Previously, Christina studied in The Hague, Jerusalem and Oxford and worked as a secondary teacher in Vienna.

Christina Hasenhüttl, Caroline Breyer and Veronika Ruhry

Sincerely, the PHSt Team

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Two more things…

Teachers wanted

We are looking for teachers to complete our questionnaire on the topic of Open Educational Resources - that's what all teachers want, right? 😊

With just a **few minutes** of your time, you can help us find out what teachers know about the topic and - more importantly - what we can do for you to make your day-to-day teaching easier.

The following link will take you directly to the English version: https://survey.uni-graz.at/index.php/397394?lang=en

You can easily change the language into **Estonian**, **German**, **Italian**, **Norwegian** or **Spanish**. The survey is open until the end of January 2025.

THANK YOU for your time!!!

Teachers wanted, Part 2

URGENT: Only a few places left

On **30 and 31 January 2025** participants from Estonia, Norway, Italy and Spain will come to **Graz** for a **study visit**. We will be guests in two different schools, visit the Digital Lab for Inclusion and try out digital tools and assistive technologies.

We still have a **few places left** for Thursday and Friday. Are you a **teacher in Austria** and would like to network and share ideas with like-minded people? Then this is for you!

Take this opportunity to get in touch with us! Just send a short email to christina.hasenhuettl@er.phst.at. First come, first served.

Daniela and Katharina,

on behalf of the EQui-T-Team