

European Quality Development System for Inclusive Education and Teacher Training

About Equi-T:

Duration: 06/2023 – 06/2026

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)**.

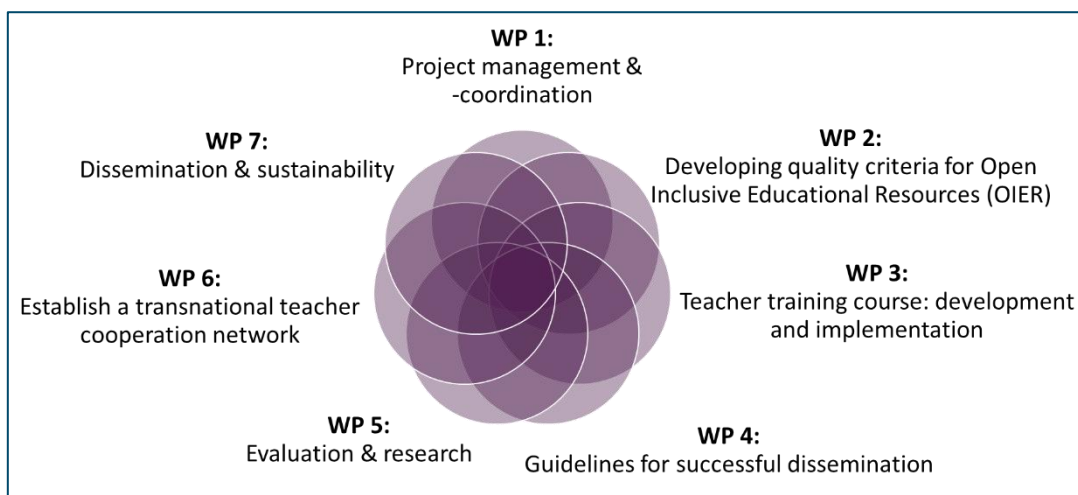
This is us:

Consortium partners:



These are our goals:

Teachers and trainee teachers, as well as those involved in teacher training and in-service teacher training, should be supported in identifying, producing, and disseminating high-quality OIER. In this context, transnational cooperation, and the transnational exchange of best practices for the dissemination of OIER play a central role. In addition to the development of a catalogue of criteria for assessing the quality of OIER and the planning and implementation of a training course for (prospective) teachers, the EQui-T project aims to establish a transnational network of teachers in the field of inclusive education in order to promote the national and international exchange of good practice.



This has happened so far...

Kick-off meeting in Graz



On 14 and 15 September, the project consortium met for the first time in Graz for the official kick-off meeting. In addition to the project leader Barbara Gasteiger-Klicpera and her team from the University of Graz, the teams from the two other Austrian consortium partners, the University College of Teacher Education Styria, and the Private University College of Teacher Education Augustinum, were also present. The project teams from the partner universities in Spain (University of Granada), Norway (University of Southeast Norway), Italy (University of Padua) and Estonia (University of Tallinn) travelled from different corners of Europe.

During two labour-intensive and productive days, the foundations for the successful implementation of the EQui-T project were laid together. All project partners took the opportunity to present their approaches to the work packages and discuss them with the cooperation partners. This participatory approach should continue to characterise the cooperation in the further course of the project. The positive, appreciative and motivated atmosphere at the kick-off meeting makes us look forward to the coming months and years of the project!



Introduction of the project in Brussels



On 9 November 2023, representatives of all Erasmus+ Teacher Academies were invited to a workshop in Brussels. Our project lead Barbara Gasteiger-Klicpera presented the EQui-T-project and established contacts with other Teacher Academies. It was very exciting to get to know all the other projects and, above all, it was great to see that the topics of inclusion and digitalisation are very present also for other TA-projects. We are looking forward to continuing this exchange at further meetings!

Work in progress...

After the kick-off, we are all working diligently on our respective work packages so that we can report more about the activities and completed tasks in the next newsletter. 😊 We are currently finalizing the development of the project website and social media channels. We will be announcing the launch shortly and look forward to providing interested parties with project-related content.

This means you will...

- ...receive our newsletter twice a year,
- ...be informed about project-related content, findings, and events,
- ...have the opportunity to socialise with like-minded people,
- ...become part of a transnational network to participate in best practice exchange events...

...if you sign up for our mailing list at daniela.ender@pph-augustinum.at to stay up to date.

Speakers' corner:

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






University of Graz: ERASMUS+ EQui-T: Connecting Minds, Fostering Inclusion

The team from the University of Graz is excited in leading the coordination of the ERASMUS+ project "EQui-T," working in close collaboration with our six esteemed partner organizations.



Our team synergizes the expertise in inclusive education, accessibility, digitalization, psychology, and other interconnected fields through the contributions of Barbara and Timo, distinguished university professors, Heidi, managing the crucial project controlling responsibilities, Jessica and Annalisa, PhD students and valuable parts of the project team.

We embarked on this adventurous international project with the goal of enhancing high-quality inclusive teaching in Europe. Guided by the values of sharing, collaboration, inclusion and empowerment, we work with and for school teachers who share our common aim— to foster inclusion, harnessing the powerful tools our digital age offers.

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Thank you for following us on this journey. We are eager to share with you the progress of our project.

Sincerely, the UniGraz Team

University of Padova: *ERASMUS+ EQui-T: Where diversity strengthens and inclusion drives!*



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The University of Padova is proud to partner under the ERASMUS+ project EQui-T. Our multicultural team consists of researchers, Ph.D. students, Master's students, interns, and volunteers with expertise in inclusion, career counseling, education, accessibility activism, experiential learning, child protection, and human rights. Our six official members, alongside four student volunteers/interns, create a narrative that transcends borders.



Until now, following a dynamic kick-off, we have adopted a collaborative approach that blends individual research with collective decision-making for the tasks we are responsible for. In-person and virtual meetings have fuelled our data analysis process, dissemination activities/research, and a diverse literature review on different topics.

*Warm regards from the University of Padova,
ERASMUS+ EQui-T Partner*

One more thing...

The IFO Conference 2024, organized by the Research Center for Inclusive Education (RCIE, a cooperation between the Equi-T project partners Uni Graz, PHSt and PPH Augustinum) and held in Graz, Austria is the 37th Annual Conference of Inclusion Researchers. It explores inclusion and resilience from a person-centered and systemic perspective, aiming to advance inclusion. We cordially invite everyone that is interested in resilience and inclusion to join us at the conference. Please note, that the conference is primarily held in German.

Date: On site: 26.02. - 28.02.2024; Online: 29.02. - 01.03.2024

Detailed programme: <https://ifo2024.at/index.html>

Further information: E-mail: office@ifo2024.at; Website: <https://ifo2024.at>

Registration is open until 31st of January: <https://ifo2024.at/index.php?id=5>

On site locations: The three cooperating institutions are the locations where the presence conference takes place: the University of Graz, the PHSt and the PPH Augustinum.

