

Information Package

International Office der PH Wien

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1 Name and address

Information of the institution

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Erasmus-Code: A WIEN09

Proposal Number: 101009439

2 Academic year

Counts only for Incoming Students!

Information about the institution – schedule of the academic year

Summer term 2022

Orientation week:

21.02.2022 - 25.02.2022

Start of semester: 01.03.2022

Easter: 09.04.2022 - 18.04.2022

Whitsun: 04.06.2022 - 06.06.2022

End of semester: 30.06.2022

Winter term 2022/23

Orientation week:

26.09.2022 - 30.09.2022

Start of semester: 01.10.2022

Holiday: 26.10.2022, 01.11.2022, 08.12.2022

Christmas holidays: 24.12.2022 - 06.01.2023

End of semester: 31.01.2023

Summer term 2023

Orientation week:

20.02.2023 – 24.02.2023

Start of semester: 01.03.2023

Easter: 01.04.2023 – 10.04.2023

Whitsun: 27.05.2023 – 29.05.2023

Holiday: 28.05.2023, 08.06.2023

End of semester: 30.06.2023

3 General description

Name: Pädagogische Hochschule Wien,

English name: University College of Teacher Education Vienna

Short name (Acronym): PH Wien

Legal form: Öffentlich-rechtliche Einrichtung (governmental)-GOV

Field of activity: University or higher education institution (tertiary level) EDU-UNIV

Subject area: General teacher training

Subject code: 05.0 (old)

ISCED codename: Education/Teaching

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ISCED = International Standard Classification of Education

At the **University College of Teacher Education in Vienna** you can experience our modern and creative teaching and learning process offered to all who have chosen to follow the career path of compulsory school or vocational school teacher. During your study period or study visit you may also take the opportunity of getting to know the ways in which the University supports educational research or participate in our language courses. Our information package provides you with important information about your studies and about life in Vienna.

We are glad that you have chosen to come to the **University College of Teacher Education in Vienna** and complete parts of your studies with us. We are one of the largest teacher education universities in Austria having 410 lecturers who provide high quality teaching to around 3000 students per year.

4 Courses of study with academic educational attainment

Bachelor of Education (BEd.):

1. Training for basic level, secondary level 1

- 1.1 Teacher training for primary school
- 1.2 Teacher training for secondary modern school/selected courses (Neue Mittelschule)
- 1.3 Teacher Training for special schools/selected courses

2. Training for vocational education

- Teacher Training for vocational schools
- Teacher Training for the department of nutrition at vocational secondary schools and high schools
- Teacher Training for the department of computer science and communication at vocational secondary schools and high schools
- Teacher Training for the department of fashion and design at vocational secondary schools and high schools
- Teacher Training for the industrial-technical department at vocational secondary schools and high schools

5 International Courses for international students

We recommend **our International Programme with 30 ECTS** designed specifically for international students and Erasmus+ students.

The programme offers a very good basis for your studies at the PH Wien.

Enrolment is possible at the beginning of any term, but students must check compatibility with their time tables.

All courses are listed in the menu „Recommended Courses“ on the [website](#).

With appropriate German language skills, almost all courses from PH-Online can be booked for incomings. Incomings skip the login with the button „Continue without registration. Registration for the course is handled by the International Office.

6 Admission procedure

For international Erasmus+ students the following admission criteria are relevant: A **nomination of the home institution**, a **valid and confirmed Learning Agreement** and the **registration in the data bank** of the PH Wien. Moreover, the requirement for foreign ERASMUS+ students coming to study with us is level **B2 in German or English**.

Regular students, who want to study at PH Wien, have to fulfil the same criteria as national students.

Admission as an ERASMUS+ student or as a student as part of bilateral exchange programmes

If you want to study at PH Wien as part of a bilateral programme with a “Learning agreement” for one or two semesters, the office of international relations will help you with your enrolment and the confirmation of your academic courses. It will also inform you about deadlines, which need to be met for the beginning or continuation of your study programme.

Continuation of a Bachelor study programme that was started abroad

Students from abroad who want to continue their study programme at PH Wien need to take part in an entrance- and selection procedure (application starts in March, conduct between April and September) for legal rules. Only after successfully accepted at PH Wien it is possible to ask for the assessment of pre-studies. To get an admission as a regular student, profound German skills (B2 or higher) are necessary, which are examined in the selection procedure.

Admission Bachelor programme for foreign students

A proof of general university entrance qualifications is needed (certificate) that has to be equivalent to the Austrian „Reifezeugnis“ (university entrance certificate). Alternatively, a graduation certificate of a min. 3-year study programme can be accepted if the entrance requirement was to have general university entrance qualifications. If necessary, additional exams have to be done. To get an admission as a regular student, profound German skills (B2 or higher) are necessary, which are examined in the selection procedure (see above).

Every study programme that is not part of a bilateral exchange programme starts after the selection procedure in the winter semester.

7 Teachers & Staff

The University College of Teacher Education in Vienna is internationally very well linked to the advantage of our students, graduates and teaching staff. We pride ourselves on an established network of about 90 partner universities and colleges across Europe, many of which are in Central and Eastern European countries (CEE-Countries). Through promoting student and teaching staff mobility within the network, we are aiming for an exchange of scientific knowledge and expertise to enhance mutual cooperation and deepen our understanding of each other.

Erasmus +

Erasmus+ is the European Union's exchange programme for students, teachers and administrative staff of educational institutions since 2014. The cross-border partnerships between universities serve to strengthen the European idea and to improve the personal skills and employability of participants. Another aim is the sustainable development of higher education in the sense of the European community spirit.

As part of the learning mobility of individuals, students can complete a part of their education or an internship abroad. Graduates have the opportunity to do a work placement as well. Particularly the mobility of teachers and administrative staff promotes and strengthens the international contacts in the field of higher education.

Requirements

According to the regulations outlined by the EU higher education programmes for 'Staff Mobility – Staff Training' we need to receive a „Work Plan“ from prospective guest staff members or for 'Teaching Staff Mobility' a „Teaching Programme“ from prospective guest-lecturers.

This 'Work Plan' must be endorsed by both the sending institution and the host institution.

The guest-lecturer's visit should be then planned into the timetable of the University College of Education in Vienna and the area of teaching integrated into the curriculum of respective studies. Furthermore the guest-lecturer's visit should be then planned into the timetable of the University College of Education in Vienna and the area of teaching integrated into the curriculum of respective studies.

You can find the forms for guest-lecturers and for staff on the [website](#).

The Fulbright Program



The CPD's successful application for a renowned Fulbright Specialist Program award has come to its fruition in May 2017.

On that occasion, Mercy Assistant Professor of Multilingual Studies, Olga de Jesus, paid our University College a four-week long visit.

As part of the short-term collaborative project with our Institution, Ms. De Jesus worked on developing and defining course materials with the goal of developing theoretical and pedagogical techniques to create a rich learning environment.

8 ERASMUS+ Coordinator

Institutional and Erasmus+ Coordinator

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9 Departement coordination

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10 Living expenses

The following link offers information of the OEAD for [studying and researching in Austria](#) (choose English).

The following numbers are mean values to give an orientation!

Living

between ca. EUR 220 and 390 (in student housing)

Living expenses: about EUR 350 – 450

In a restaurant

Breakfast: EUR 3.50

Lunch (Soup, main dish, in a canteen): about EUR 4.80 – 5.90

Mineral water: EUR 2.10

Juice: EUR 2.10

Cola: EUR 2.10

Coffee: EUR 2.10 – 3,00

Yoghurt: EUR 1.00

In a supermarket

1,5 liter mineral water: EUR 0.80

1 liter milk: EUR 1.20

1/2 liter beer: EUR 0.80

1kg bread: EUR 2.30 – 3.50

Daily newspaper: EUR 1,0

Freetime

A jar beer (0,5 liter): EUR 3.00 – 4.00

„Spritzer“ (Wine with mineral water): EUR 2.10

Mineral water: EUR 1.90 Saft: EUR 2.10

Cinema ticket: EUR 7.50 – 9.60

Underground- (tram-, bus-) ticket: EUR 2.40

Week ticket: 17.10 EUR

11 Entry and Stay

General Information for Incoming Students

Terms of Entry

EU citizens and citizens of the European Economic Area (EEA) do not require permission like a visa to enter Austria. On arrival you must present a valid national ID card or a valid passport. Provided you possess a valid Health Insurance and proof of sufficient funds, you will be allowed to stay in Austria. Please check the following with your national authorities before you leave your home country: if your government has restrictions on the amount of money you can take out of the country; cost of transferring money; how long it will take for you to be able to access the money in Austria; if there are any bank charges for the initial transfer of money; if there will be charges for each separate withdrawal.

Further Information at: Österreichischer Austauschdienst OEAD – Study and research in Austria

Registration (Announce your address of residence)

Within the first three days of arrival in Austria you are obliged to announce your address of residence at the local district municipality office (find further information below). Please note that this is a MUST.

For residence registration you need:

- a valid ID card or passport
- a filled out Residence Registration Form, which you can download here: [residence registration form](#)

Here you'll find [help how to complete the form](#).

The Residence Registration Form needs to be signed by an authorized official at your dormitory or by your host.

District Municipality Offices

The place to announce your address of residence is the local District Municipality Office (DMO) Bezirksämter. The DMO for the area where the University of Teacher Education (PH Wien) is, is: Laxenburgerstraße 43-45A, 1100 Wien, Tel: +43 1 4000 10551 or +43 1 4000 10552, but you can also register at any DMO in Vienna.

The DMO in the first district is recommended due to its low emergence.

You can also make an appointment online in advance on the [website](#) for all DMOs.

Computer access

All students/ academic staff are allowed to use the computers placed in all houses of the University (PH Wien) for free. e.g. in House 1, ground floor in the Library, or in House 4, near the International Office.

Banking

Opening hours: Monday to Friday (usually): from 8.00 till 12:30 pm and from 13:30 to 15:00.
Thursdays: from 08.00 till 17.30. ATM (Cash machines/dispensers) are to be found at about 3000 spots.

Student accounts: Some banks in Austria offer no rates for student bank accounts. Important: Talk to your bank at home and check the options for cheap international money transfer.

Health risks

Risks: Ticks, Covid-19

Possibility to get a Covid-19 vaccination: Austria Center Vienna (Bruno-Kreisky-Platz, 1220 Vienna)

Weather

Austria enjoys temperate continental climate. Information about the weather at <http://wetter.orf.at/oes/>.

Electric current

220 Volt AC 50 Hz., two-pole Europlug

12 Travel and Arrival

Arrival

Upon arrival you will be picked up either at Vienna International Airport (Schwechat) or at one of the Railway Stations / Coach Terminals and taken to the address of your stay in Vienna. **It is necessary to ask the International Office in advance.**

Arrival Form (Download)

Vienna International Airport (VIE Schwechat)



Vienna International Airport (Schwechat) is situated outside the city area. There is convenient public transport, though. You can use trains, the City-Airport-Train ("CAT"), buses or taxis.

Further Information: <http://www.wien.info/en/travel-info/to-and-around/airport-to-center>

Coach Terminals

The Central Coach Terminal in Vienna is right next to Wiener Hauptbahnhof (Main Railway Station), but there are also other coach terminals at Wien Erdberg or Wien Stadion Center. All coach terminals and railway stations are conveniently linked with other public transport - U-bahn, bus, tram, train. Public transport/Fahrpläne (choose English)

By train

You may choose to arrive in Vienna by train. Then you will end up either at Wien Hauptbahnhof (Main Railway Station) or Wien Westbahnhof (West Railway Station). Both are well linked with other means of public transport of the city - U-Bahn, tram, bus, train.

Check Wiener Linien



(choose English) or Austrian Rail (ÖBB)



By car

If you want to arrive by car, you can plan your route here.

Public transport ("Öffis")

Vienna has a well-developed public transport network. **Buses (and night buses), trains, rapid transit trains** ("Schnellbahn" or "S-Bahn"), **trams** and **underground lines** will take you almost anywhere in the city in no time at all. The city of Vienna accounts for one full zone or core zone (known as "Kernzone" or "Zone 100").

Tickets

- Einzelfahrt (**single ticket**) valid for travelling one way in one zone. You may change to different lines in the course of your journey, but you may not interrupt your journey. Single tickets can be purchased at a price of € 2.40 (€ 2.60 if you buy your ticket on the bus or the tram).
- Wochenkarte (**weekly travel card**) 17.10 EUR
- Monatskarte für Studenten (**student monthly travel card**) 51.00 EUR
- Semesterticket für Studenten 78.00 EUR (**student full semester travel card**) (online: 75.00 EUR). Valid for one semester (either September to January OR February to June) Only for students whose address of residence is Vienna.
For all other students the Semesterticket costs 156.00 EUR.
- Ferien-Monatskarte für Studenten (**student holiday monthly travel card**) 29.50 EUR per month (valid only in July and August)
- Jahreskarte (26+) (**annual season ticket**) 365.00€ (paid in advance), or 396.00€ (monthly payment of 33.00€) - possibility of prior cancellation with an administrative fee of 22.00€.

[Online Ticketshop der Wiener Linien](#) (choose English)

The University College of Teacher Education in Vienna is easily accessible by underground and bus.

For the entrance at Ettenreichgasse 45A:

Take the underground U1 (red line) to "Troststraße"

For the entrance at Grenzackerstrasse 18:

Take bus 15A to the stop "Daumegasse"

We strongly advise you to use public transport as parking in the area is extremely difficult.

The University College of Teacher Education in Vienna: [Site map](#) / [Campus](#).

13 Accommodation

General Information

WIHAST is an organisation which manages student dormitories in Vienna. The accommodation period is usually just as long as the exchange period.

Winter term contracts normally start on 1st of September, summer term contracts start on 1st of February.

The University College of Teacher Education Vienna has been cooperating with WIHAST for many years and therefore guarantees rooms for our students.

It is also possible to make your own accommodation arrangements or to register with another organization.

Register for Accommodation

During the application procedure, please **make sure** that you register for accommodation for your exchange period:

1. Register at <http://www.wihast.at/en/home/>
2. Fill in your name, nationality, gender. Choose a single or double room. In some cases an income statement from your parents may be required.
3. Write into the field 'Notes': **PH Wien/Dr. Bauer**. Only then the organization can guarantee you a room.
4. Don't forget to submit the form and also inform us by email: incoming@phwien.ac.at
5. **Please register at WIHAST before June 30th for the winter term and before December 1st for the following summer term.**

Prices

Single room: about EUR 304 - 391

Double room: about EUR 251 - 283

Additional fees when getting the contract:

Rent for the 1st month PLUS a cleaning fee (about EUR 60). Deposit for keys (about EUR 100) + deposit (about EUR 400) will be given back at the end of the exchange period.

Although bed linen and kitchen utensils are not provided, they can be purchased at very low prices in supermarkets.

Find other options here:

[The Fizz](#)

[The Student Hotel Wien](#)

[Viennabase](#)

[OeAD student housing](#)

Suggested short term accommodation (in particular for staff or teachers)

Accommodation near the university (PH Wien): To get rooms at lowest prices, please add booking codes or follow booking links as shown on the "Price list".

Pricelist:

- [Hotel Schani Wien](#)
- [Azimut Hotel Vienna](#)
- [Motel One Wien-Hauptbahnhof](#)
- [Star Inn Hotel Premium Wien Hauptbahnhof](#)
- [Ibis Wien Hauptbahnhof](#)
- [Novotel Wien Hauptbahnhof](#)
- [Pension Caroline](#)
- [Rainers Hotel Vienna](#)
- [A&T Holiday Hostel](#) (Luxury Hostel), (only 7 minutes walking distance from the University)
- [Apartment.at](#)
- [Phils Place](#)
- [Royal Living Apartments](#)
- [Vienna Stay Apartments](#)

14 Meals

Mensa/Buffer



You can find a canteen (Mensa) in

House 1: opening hours between 11:00 and 18:00 and

House 4: opening hours between 07:30 and 15:00.

The main course for lunch changes daily. Additionally, drinks, sandwiches or snacks are also provided.

Where to buy food (supermarkets near PH Wien)

There is a supermarket just opposite the University House 4 (Hofer) where you can buy food and drinks at reasonable prices.

Find more information about prices at „Cost of living“

15 Insurance

General Information for Students

In case you need to see a doctor in Vienna, you need to bring your valid European Health Insurance Card and a passport/ID to the doctor. For people outside the European Union it is necessary to conclude an overseas health insurance in their home countries or in Austria. Healthcare and health insurance issues lie in the area of bilateral agreements between countries. We strongly advise you to inform yourself about health insurance regulations with your national authorities before you arrive in Austria. You can also visit Wiener Gebietskrankenkasse web site for more information (in German only!).

Wiener Gebietskrankenkasse (=Viennese Health Insurance)

Wienerbergstraße 15-19A; 1100 Wien; Tel: +43 1 60 122-0
Opening hours: Monday to Friday 07:30 - 14:00; Thursday 07:30 - 16:00

Dr. Ursula Wolff, general practitioner

Leibnizgasse 62/3

1100 Wien

Opening hours: 14:00-18:30

English speaking doctor. It is necessary to make an appointment in advance (please call the doctor).

<https://www.praxisplan.at/2886129456/1437/Ursula-Wolff/1>

(About 10 minutes from the PH on foot.)

16 Sport Facilities

At the moment there are no leisure activities offered on the campus besides the courses offered by PH Wien.

For those who are interested in doing some sports, we would recommend to have a look at the University Sports Institute Vienna (USI Vienna) for courses.

Gymn near the PH Wien: <http://fitinn.at/>

17 Vienna

Facts about Vienna

Vienna is the capital and largest urban area in Austria, and is also one of the nine federal provinces in the country. It is Austria's main city; with a population of about 1.7 million (2.3 million within the metropolitan area), it is by far the largest city in Austria as well as its cultural, economic and political center. It is the 10th largest city by population in the European Union and was listed by Mercer Human Resource Consulting as having the 2nd highest quality of living (as of 2008). Vienna is host to many major international organizations such as the United Nations and OPEC. Vienna lies in the very east of Austria and is close to the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Hungary. In 2001, the city centre was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Find out more about Vienna at www.wien.at

- [Map of Vienna](#)
- Education, science and research <http://www.wien.gv.at/english/education-research/>
- Business and media <http://www.wien.gv.at/english/business-media/>
- Culture and history <http://www.wien.gv.at/english/culture-history/>
- Environment and leisure <http://www.wien.gv.at/english/environment-leisure/>
- Health and social services <http://www.wien.gv.at/english/health-socialservices/>
- Transportation and urban planning <http://www.wien.gv.at/english/transportation-urbanplanning/>
- Living and working <http://www.wien.gv.at/english/living-working/>
- Politics and administration <http://www.wien.gv.at/english/politics-administration/>
- [Administrative structure of Vienna](#)

Events and Sights

Find further information about events in Vienna at [Wien Tourismus](#) or [Veranstaltungsdatenbank](#).

For more information about hotels call: 0043 1 24555, Fax: 0043 1 24555 666, or contact: info@wien.info

18 Austria

Information about Austria

- [Learn about Austria](#)
- [Austrian encyclopedia](#)
- [Statistics about Austria](#)
- [Federal Chancellery Austria](#)

Foreign representations in Austria

[Overview of all foreign representations in Austria](#)

19 Amenities

The University is sponsoring international students, e.g. entrance fees or journeys on shared trips.

The **PH-Card** is a student ID-card, with which you can get many benefits in Austria (e.g. in museums).

The **EBN-Card** is for free, if you attend the orientation week and provides also many benefits in different shops in Vienna.

20 Erasmus Charter for Higher Education (ECHE) + Erasmus Policy Statement 2021-2027



ERASMUS CHARTER FOR HIGHER EDUCATION 2021-2027

The European Commission hereby awards this Charter to:

PAEDAGOGISCHE HOCHSCHULE WIEN

The Institution undertakes to:

- Respect in full the principles of non-discrimination, transparency and inclusion set out in the Erasmus+ Programme.
- Ensure equal and equitable access and opportunities to current and prospective participants from all backgrounds, paying particular attention to the inclusion of those with fewer opportunities.
- Ensure full automatic recognition of all credits (based on the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System – ECTS) gained for learning outcomes satisfactorily achieved during a period of study/training abroad, including during blended mobility.
- Charge no fees, in the case of credit mobility, to incoming mobile students for tuition, registration, examinations or access to laboratory and library facilities.
- Ensure the quality of the mobility activities and of the cooperation projects throughout the application and implementation phases.
- Implement the priorities of the Erasmus+ Programme:
 - By undertaking the necessary steps to implement digital mobility management in line with the technical standards of the European Student Card Initiative.
 - By promoting environmentally friendly practices in all activities related to the Programme.
 - By encouraging the participation of individuals with fewer opportunities in the Programme.
 - By promoting civic engagement and encouraging students and staff to get involved as active citizens before, during and after their participation in a mobility activity or cooperation project.

WHEN PARTICIPATING IN MOBILITY ACTIVITIES

Before mobility

- Ensure that selection procedures for mobility activities are fair, transparent, coherent and documented.
- Publish and regularly update the course catalogue on the website well in advance of the mobility periods, so as to be transparent to all parties and allow mobile students to make well-informed choices about the courses they will follow.
- Publish and regularly update information on the grading system used and grade distribution tables for all study programmes. Ensure that students receive clear and transparent information on recognition and grade conversion procedures.
- Carry out mobility for the purpose of studying and teaching only within the framework of prior agreements between institutions which establish the respective roles and responsibilities of the parties, as well as their commitment to shared quality criteria in the selection, preparation, reception, support and integration of mobile participants.
- Ensure that outgoing mobile participants are well prepared for their activities abroad, including blended mobility, by undertaking activities to achieve the necessary level of linguistic proficiency and develop their intercultural competences.
- Ensure that student and staff mobility is based on a learning agreement for students and a mobility agreement for staff, validated in advance between the sending and receiving institutions or enterprises and the mobile participants.
- Provide active support to incoming mobile participants throughout the process of finding accommodation.
- Provide assistance related to obtaining visas, when required, for incoming and outgoing mobile participants.
- Provide assistance related to obtaining insurance, when required, for incoming and outgoing mobile participants.
- Ensure that students are aware of their rights and obligations as defined in the Erasmus Student Charter.

During mobility

- Ensure equal academic treatment and the quality of services for incoming students.
- Promote measures that ensure the safety of outgoing and incoming mobile participants.
- Provide appropriate mentoring and support arrangements for mobile participants, including for those pursuing blended mobility.

- Integrate incoming mobile participants into the wider student community and in the Institution's everyday life. Encourage them to act as ambassadors of the Erasmus+ Programme and share their mobility experience.

After mobility

- Provide incoming mobile students and their sending institutions with transcripts of records containing a full, accurate and timely record of their achievements at the end of the mobility period.
- Ensure that all ECTS credits gained for learning outcomes satisfactorily achieved during a period of study/training abroad, including during blended mobility, are fully and automatically recognised as agreed in the learning agreement and confirmed by the transcript of records/traineeship certificate; transfer those credits without delay into the student's records, count them towards the student's degree without any additional work or assessment of the student and make them traceable in the student's transcript of records and the Diploma Supplement.

- Provide appropriate language support to incoming mobile participants.

- Ensure the inclusion of satisfactorily completed study and/or traineeship mobility activities in the final record of student achievements (the Diploma Supplement).
- Encourage and support mobile participants upon return to act as ambassadors of the Erasmus+ Programme, promote the benefits of mobility and actively engage in building alumni communities.
- Ensure that staff is given recognition for their teaching and training activities undertaken during the mobility period, based on a mobility agreement and in line with the institutional strategy.

WHEN PARTICIPATING IN EUROPEAN AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION PROJECTS

- Ensure that cooperation activities contribute towards the fulfilment of the institutional strategy.
- Promote the opportunities offered by the cooperation projects and provide relevant support to staff and students interested in participating in these activities throughout the application and implementation phase.



- Ensure that cooperation activities lead to sustainable outcomes and that their impact benefits all partners.
- Encourage peer-learning activities and exploit the results of the projects in a way that will maximise their impact on individuals, other participating institutions and the wider academic community.

FOR THE PURPOSES OF IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING

- Ensure that the long-term institutional strategy and its relevance to the objectives and priorities of the Erasmus+ Programme are described in the Erasmus Policy Statement.
- Ensure that the principles of the Charter are well communicated and are applied by staff at all levels of the Institution.

- Make use of the [ECHE Guidelines](#) and of the [ECHE Self-assessment](#) to ensure the full implementation of the principles of this Charter.
- Regularly promote activities supported by the Erasmus+ Programme, along with their results.
- Display this Charter and the related Erasmus Policy Statement prominently on the Institution's website and on all other relevant channels.

The Institution acknowledges that the implementation of the Charter will be monitored by the Erasmus+ National Agency and that the violation of any of the above principles and commitments may lead to its withdrawal by the European Commission.

<p>Stamp</p> 	<p>Name and Signature of the Legal Representative</p> 
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Erasmus Policy Statement

The institution's international strategy in the context of the European renewal agenda and modernisation agenda

Internationalisation at the **University College of Teacher Education Vienna (PH Wien)** with all its aspects (mobility, cooperation, delegations, informal exchange, joint programmes) takes place regionally, nationally and internationally. All areas have so far been linked to the Erasmus+ programme or to cross-regional EU programmes with neighbouring countries.

In terms of international knowledge transfer, it is a particular priority for the university both to intensify existing cultural cooperative partnerships and to expand networking with the educational focal points as well as academisation within the international scientific community as part of the professionalisation continuum.

The institution fulfils its socio-political responsibility by developing research projects and thereby initiating and intensifying international cooperation. The long-standing continuity in bilateral exchange within the research-performative, collegial and cultural spectrum is to be maintained or further expanded, especially in the cooperations within the framework of Erasmus+. In addition, an expansion of the courses offered in English at the University College of Teacher Education Vienna should take place, which will enable international students to participate in the entire teaching portfolio of the institution, promote the common lingua franca of science in the tertiary context and represent an important step towards the internal qualitative internationalisation of the university. An important goal in accordance with the profile and development planning is to bring together staff mobility in teaching and in projects or international cooperation. This should enrich all central areas of activity (teaching, research and development in educational institutions).

The role of the PH Vienna...

in the European education area is to be based on several levels and lies on continuity with the current EPS:

- on the rapprochement of national education systems through transparency, the exchange of experiences and the definition of common goals and fields of action at the political level. Cross-border projects, especially with the neighbouring countries, are already doing pioneering work for a future generation of programmes.
- on the comparability of qualifications and the mutual recognition of educational qualifications and workload, including joint degrees in higher education, also with EU partner countries,
- on the Europe-wide structural cooperation of educational institutions and the transnational mobility of individuals.

in the context of the renewal agenda:

- Orientation towards *best practice examples* in higher education (education, research, innovation and system design) with the help of study and expert groups and the analysis and monitoring of benchmarks and indicators;
- Promote cooperation, mutual learning and targeted policy advice between higher education authorities (ministries) or regional authorities;
- Strengthening the capacity and output of higher education institutions through funding of innovative cooperation projects between institutions and their partners (Erasmus+, Horizon2020) and through funding from the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF), investments in infrastructure, institutions, competence development and

innovation projects. Investments in infrastructure in the field of higher education are also launched **through projects of the responsible federal ministry**;

- Promoting international mobility of students, higher education staff as well as researchers to provide them with an opportunity to develop their experience and competences (through Erasmus+ and other measures such as Marie Skłodowska-Curie);
- Strengthening cooperation between higher education institutions, research institutions and other educational institutions such as **local education directorates**.

adapted in the context of the previous priorities of the modernisation agenda

- Further raising the level of education to meet Europe's demand for academics and researchers: The introduction of the eight-semester Bachelor's degree and the subsequent Master's degree will, on the one hand, lead to a qualitative increase in teacher training and, on the other hand, to an increase in the degree of academic achievement in Austria in general. This will enable comparability with EU countries.
- Improving the quality and relevance of higher education: By offering Master's degree programmes, access to PhD/doctoral studies is also made possible. This will evaluate and enhance the existing quality, relevance of study programmes as well as research training in the long term. University graduates will be equipped with the knowledge and recognised transferable skills that are already common internationally in teacher training programmes.
- Strengthening quality through mobility and cross-border cooperation: The planning and facilitation of jointly recognised degrees/joint degrees with regard to the conversion of a Bologna-compliant teacher training represents a focal point of work within the framework of internationalisation. Participation in strategic partnerships and capacity building together with neighbouring countries, but also with partner countries (such as the USA, Ukraine and Asia) is aimed at in parallel with the curriculum development of the Master's programmes.
- Making the knowledge triangle work: The integration of professional internships within the framework of Erasmus+ as well as the setting of content-related focal points in curricula and research lead to a greater attractiveness of the location in regional competition with regard to cooperation with the economy and urban or regional development fields.
- Improving control and funding: This can be achieved with a new, longer-term improved target and performance plan of the Ministry of Education. The areas of internationalisation and mobility in particular appear in this plan as well as in the development plan for universities of teacher education 2021-2026 and can thus be planned and tracked in a resource-efficient manner. Decades of cooperation with the Erasmus+ National Agency and the OeAD form a reliable, synergetic and evolutionary basis for the new Erasmus programme.

Strategy for the establishment of international networks and cooperation projects in the field of research

In addition to the promotion of mobility, another aim of the international strategy of the PH Wien is to establish a relationship with programme and partner countries in the field of research and development. The establishment of strategic partnerships and knowledge alliances (KA2) of the Erasmus+ programme are particularly considered here, as well as the KA3 Policy Support Programme, which especially supports the public mission of PH Wien.

The active development and expansion of research networks through goal-oriented project activities plays an important role in fulfilling the tasks of the university college as well as in the internal staff development and support of young researchers.

In recent years, the institution has developed the highest participation rate in the above-mentioned actions in the area of Erasmus+ compared to other Austrian university colleges of education. It has many years of expertise with EU programmes, the results and products of which are reflected in the further development of the institution on the one hand, but also in research and teaching on the other. This successful path must be continued in the next programme generation.

Strategy for the organisation and implementation of international cooperation projects

Participation in Erasmus+ cooperation and innovation projects is essential for further higher education development. On the one hand, participation in these projects contributes to the improved and sustainable academisation of the higher education institution; on the other hand, participation connects current societal and educational policy needs with the education, training activities as well as with research at the PH Wien.

Strategic partnerships form essential topic-specific focal points of our own expertise, promote dialogue between different academic disciplines and expand these with the capacities and know-how of other internationally active comparable partner institutions. The cooperation and networking of academic staff with colleagues in other countries contributes significantly to internationalisation and Europeanisation and is therefore a declared goal of our internationalisation strategy.

Strategic knowledge alliances enable capacity building and professional development of our academic teaching staff. This in turn has a significant positive impact on teacher training and thus on the education of the next generations of students.

The high-quality and sustainable mobility of students, lecturers and administrative university staff is an essential concern of the University College of Teacher Education Vienna and has been successfully implemented in synergy with the National Agency within the framework of KA103 and KA107 for years. However, the University College of Teacher Education Vienna has reached the limits of what is feasible due to ongoing resource cuts.

The quantitative indicators we use in relation to Erasmus+ projects are:

- Number of participations in submissions to third-party funded projects, external research projects, but also publications in (peer-)reviewed journals;
- Number of European and international partner institutions in submissions specifically to academic networks;
- Total third-party funding acquired (mostly EU or through national projects);
- Number of staff involved (students/teachers/decision-makers) and visibility in work packages;
- Number of courses taught in English; Number of courses with virtual teaching - number and form of delivery (Mahara, Moodle, Zoom, webinars...).

The qualitative indicators we use are:

- Relevance of the *intellectual outputs* from the EU projects carried out and the resulting publications;
- Sustainable implementation in the study programme and the use of this generated experience in the study programme;
- Increased publication rate of scientific publications;
- Multiple use of increased expertise by university staff (in the classroom and elsewhere);
- Paradigm shift from a teacher-centred to a student-centred approach;
- Initiation of individual teaching and learning processes, following the models of international knowledge alliances;
- Visibility of the university in the international higher education area through publications, international projects and participation in scientific conferences;
- Mapping the unity of research and teaching;
- Dissemination of the results of international research and development projects at the institution, reference to the curricula and anchoring in the courses;
- In the context of inclusion: virtual semester abroad for people with disabilities (also in the context of blended mobility), enabling students from abroad with, for example, sensory disabilities or physical impairments to participate in courses;
- In the context of digitalisation: virtual teaching or distance learning not only in the International Programme;
- Increased use of virtual office hours;
- Events on global topics ("students' conferences") with the involvement of Erasmus+ students.

Regarding the timetable mentioned, PH Wien as a higher education institution and subordinate service is bound to the approval of the institution's target and performance plan, the higher education mobility strategy of the Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research as well as the higher education development plan for Austrian universities of teacher education. At the time of submission of the ECHE Charta, these documents for 2021-2027 were not available.

In any case, the continuation of the ongoing KA103, KA107, KA2 and possibly KA3 projects will also be sought in the coming years.