

## INterconnection/INnovation/INclusion: Austrian contributions to the EHEA 2030 (Acronym 3-IN-AT-PLUS)

**3-IN-AT-PLUS** 2022-2024 is already the fourth project of the Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research (BMBWF), Unit IV/11 to support the implementation of the European Higher Education Area (EHEA) in Austria and internationally. As for the predecessors, the OeAD, Austria's Agency for Education and Internationalisation is responsible for coordination and implementation of the project as affiliated entity.

It takes up the results of the [Bologna Process Implementation Report 2020](#) and the priorities of the [Rome Communiqué](#) (2020) and draws from the suggestions of the Austrian national Bologna Follow-Up Group (BFUG) to ensure focusing on the needs of the target group. For three years, the project will contribute to realizing the vision of an „**inclusive, innovative and interconnected EHEA**” on a national and international level. 3-IN-AT-PLUS' outputs will be disseminated by newsletters of the OeAD and through the national BFUG and they will feed into the working structures of the European BFUG.

### Thematic priorities

#### Mobility and internationalisation (WP2)

- + Annual national conference Bologna Day 2022: "Internationalisation designed /implemented in a holistic way" – networking conference accompanying the implementation of the "Austrian National Mobility and Internationalisation Strategy for Higher Education 2020 – 2030"
- + Workshop series: flexible curricula and mobility windows
- + Peer learning activity (PLA) on mobility of HEIs' non-academic staff
- + Development of a tool kit on blended mobility, dissemination peer learning activity (PLA)

#### Innovative Learning and Teaching (WP 3)

- + International peer learning activity (PLA) on micro credentials
- + Continuing the „ Dialogue on innovative higher education teaching “: three events on topics of digitalization, competence orientation and implementation of the ECTS

#### [Recognition of Prior Learning \(RPL\) – From Peer to peer \(WP 3.1\)](#)

- + Continuing the activities of the Erasmus+ project [RPL in Practice \(RPLiP\)](#): expansion of the existing network of practitioners, peer learning activities, conference

The Agency for Quality Assurance and Accreditation Austria (AQ Austria) coordinates the activities on Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) and the respective European RPL Network.

## **Social Dimension – Implementation of a national strategy on the social dimension on HE – comparison in the EHEA (WP 4)**

- + Comparative study to investigate the motives, expectations and challenges of non-traditional access student in Austria, Lithuania and Romania

## **The Bologna Process: Information, Networking, Peer Learning (WP 5, WP 6)**

- + Grass root activities at Austrian HEIs dealing with current challenges of the implementation of the Bologna process and inviting international experts
- + Up to six on site visits at Austrian higher education institutions by national EHEA experts
- + Participation in PLAs in the EHEA and subsequent reporting
- + + National EHEA implementation report 2024 of the BMBWF

3-IN-AT-PLUS' work program offers a broad range of consulting, training, international networking opportunities and information for actors at Austrian higher education institutions as well as other stakeholders involved in education policy. In cooperation with national ministries (Iceland, Croatia, Lithuania), consultative members of the BFUG (ENQA, EUA, EURASHE) and other partners, international events and activities will be implemented which will contribute to networking and discussion at the European level. In addition to the Austrian partners and the "National Team of Experts for the European Higher Education Area", organisations from eight other countries (Croatia, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Lithuania, The Netherlands, Romania, Sweden) could be won as partners.

### **Consortium partners:**

**OeAD – Austria's Agency for Education and Internationalisation**

**AQ Austria – Agency for Quality Assurance and Accreditation Austria**

**Ministry of Education, Science and Culture (Iceland)**

**Ministry of Science and Education (Croatia)**

**ŠMSM – Ministry of Education, Science and Sport (Lithuania)**

**ENQA – European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education**

**EUA – European University Association**

**EURASHE – European Association of Institutions in Higher Education**

**HRK nexus – German Rectors' Conference**

**Nuffic (The Netherlands)**

**UHR - Swedish Council for Higher Education**

**RANNIS – The Icelandic Center for Research (Iceland)**

**THEA – Technological Higher Education Association (Ireland)**

**UEFISCDI – Executive Agency for Higher Education, Research Development and Innovation Funding) (Romania)**

**University of Gothenburg (Sweden)**

## The national EHEA Experts' Team. Representatives of ...

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### Activities and tasks of the Experts' Team:

- + Upon application: [on site visits](#) for higher education institutions – if interested please contact [bologna@oead.at](mailto:bologna@oead.at)
- + Contributing to the conception and implementation of project events and activities, based on individual thematic expertise
- + Participation in seminars, workshops and peer learning activities in the EHEA

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**Target group:** Stakeholders representing the entire Austrian higher education sector

**Project responsibility:** BMBWF, Unit IV/11, Stephan De Pasqualin

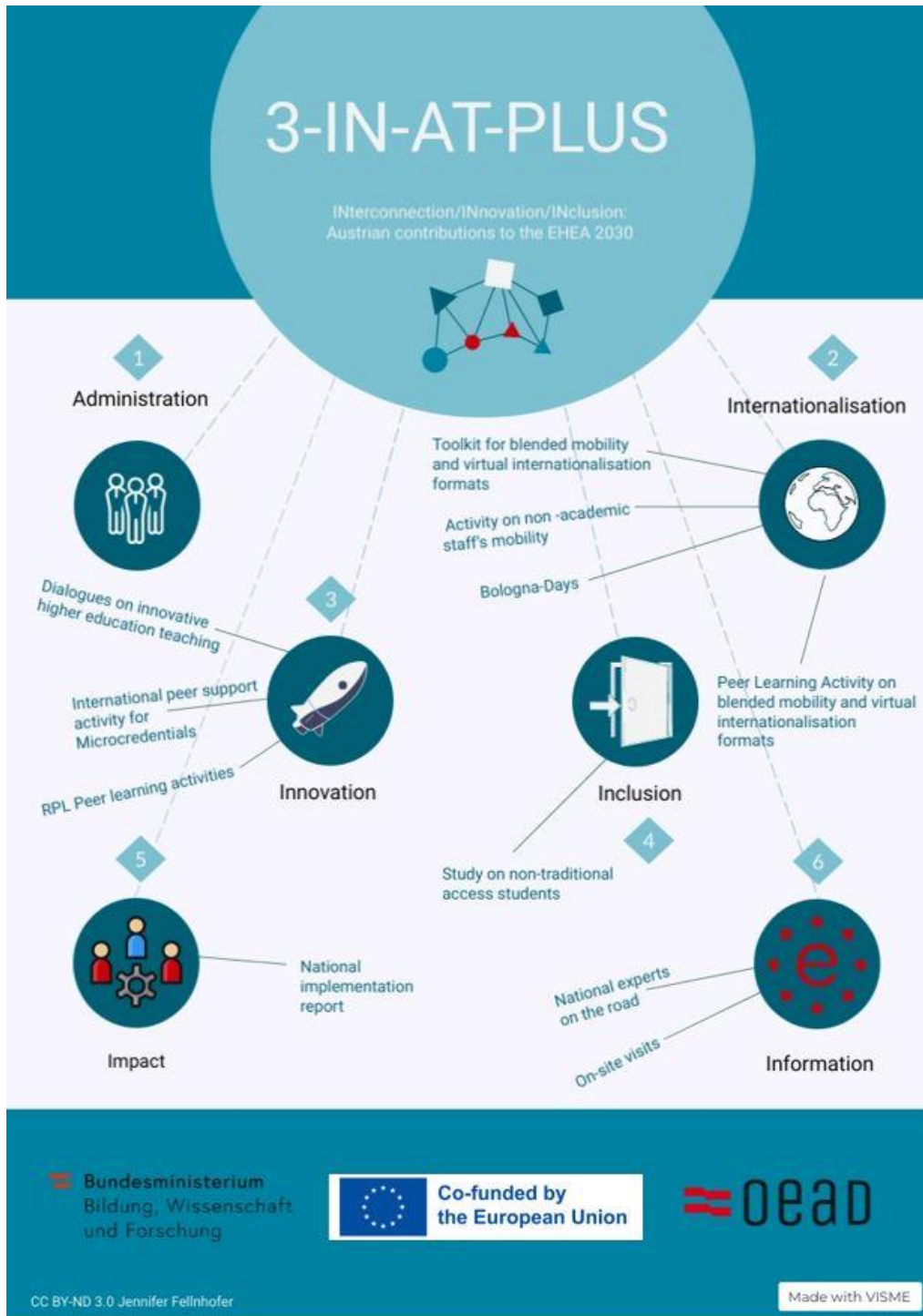
**Project coordination:** OeAD, Team Data, Analyses and Bologna Process

### Further information:

**3-IN-AT-PLUS:** [project website OeAD](#) / [project website BMBWF](#)

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