



Workshop Internationalized and flexible curricula Draft Agenda

Thursday, 16 November 2023, 09.30 – 16.00

Ministry of Science and Education, Donje Svetice 38, Zagreb, Conference Hall, ground floor

Curricula define the framework for higher education and provide information on learning outcomes and the qualification profile of graduates. Their design and implementation must ensure a distribution of ECTS credits corresponding to the actual workload and the possibility to complete credits without an increase in study time – even during mobility periods spent at foreign HEIs. These requirements demand suitable curricular structures, which transparently display learning outcomes and qualifications for all student groups, including those currently underrepresented in higher education.

Besides flexibility to enable different forms of credit mobility, international and intercultural competences and how to include them in curricula, gain relevance. In addition, course content should cover international issues and research questions and, if necessary, challenge Eurocentric perspectives in the spirit of decolonisation.

The workshop will practically link these aspects: Austrian experts for the European Higher Education Area, Christina Raab and Agnes Kriz will introduce participants to the current state-of-the-art discussion on the internationalisation of curricula as well as on mobility-promoting structures for curricula. Great attention will be paid to learning outcomes and international and intercultural competences: Kees Kouwenaar, an internationally renowned expert will present the AURORA European University Alliance's LOUIS Competence Tool for transversal skills.

In breakout sessions, participants will work on their own approaches to flexibilization, internationalisation or intercultural learning outcomes, based on the case study of a Croatian curriculum.

The workshop is recommended for participants who are actively involved in the (further) development of curricula at their HEI, especially members of the senate and its (sub)committees or equivalent committees, study programme directors, but also employees of International Offices who accompany curricular (further) development processes. Participants have the necessary prior knowledge of the three-level study architecture, ECTS and learning outcomes to be able to work on a case study during the workshop.

The National Development Plan for the Education System of the Republic of Croatia until 2027 includes the objective of increasing the level of internationalisation of higher education. Measures refer to sustainability of study programmes in foreign languages, increasing the number of joint study programmes, increasing student and teacher mobility, as well as increasing the rate of recognition of ECTS gained during mobility.

The speakers



KEES KOUWENAAR retired in July 2021 as secretary general of the [Aurora universities network](#), a group of research-intensive universities dedicated to societal impact. He still plays a role as VU expert and co-chair for the Aurora Competence Framework (ACF). As part of his role with Aurora, he coordinated Aurora's successful application to be one of the 41 European University alliances – and leads the implementation of that programme.

Until 2019, he edited the [Aurora Brief Reviews](#), a biweekly digital publication which identified and described relevant data-driven reports on any aspect of the international dimension of higher education and research. Since 2013, he was initiator and director of the [Mastermind Europe](#) initiative, which conceived and implemented a new approach to admission to Master's programmes, aiming for a diverse and international classroom. From 2002 to 2008, he was director of the Center for International Legal Cooperation and from 2008 to 2012 director of VU's Centre for International Cooperation. He started his career in international diploma recognition at Nuffic and was expert for the Lisbon Recognition Convention of 1997.

AGNES KRIZ has been active in the field of international higher education for over seven years, among other assignments as a representative for the Bologna implementation at the University of Applied Sciences Technikum Wien and as a member of the Committee for International Affairs of the Austrian Association of Universities of Applied Sciences. With a view on an internationalised curriculum, Agnes Kriz accompanies the further development of the study programmes at the UAS Technikum Wien, where she has headed the International Office for over 5 years.



CHRISTINA RAAB, has been serving as Bologna Coordinator at Universität Innsbruck since 2008, supporting development of curricula and their implementation. Additionally, she has been involved in a European University's activities on teaching and learning since 2020 as deputy head of the Aurora European University Office in Innsbruck. In 2014 she was first nominated „National Expert for the European Higher Education Area“, a position she has continuously held since then. More recently, in 2021 she joined the newly established RPL-Network Austria.

Draft Agenda

- From 09:00 **Registration, Coffee and Tea**
- 09:30 – 09:35 **Welcome and Introduction**
LOREDANA MARAVIĆ, Ministry of Science and Education of the Republic of Croatia
REGINA AICHNER, OeAD Austria's Agency for Education and Internationalisation
- 09:35 – 09:55 **Keynote on Structures to flexibilize Curricula – Part 1: European Context**
CHRISTINA RAAB, Deputy Head Aurora European University Office, Office for the Bologna Process & Teaching Development, National EHEA Expert, University of Innsbruck
- 09:55 – 10:25 **The Croatian Legal Context and National Strategic Documents**
LOREDANA MARAVIĆ, Ministry of Science and Education
- 10:25 – 10:55 **Short Observation of the Croatian Legal Context & Keynote on Structures to flexibilize Curricula – Part 2**
CHRISTINA RAAB, Deputy Head Aurora European University Office, Office for the Bologna Process & Teaching Development, National EHEA Expert, University of Innsbruck
- 10:55 – 11:05 **Interactive Exchange**
REGINA AICHNER and **BEATE TREML**, OeAD Austria's Agency for Education and Internationalisation
- 11:05 – 11:35 **Tea and Coffee Break**
- 11:35 – 12:10 **State of the Art and Current Developments on Internationalization of Curricula**
AGNES KRIZ, Head of International Office, National EHEA Expert, UAS Technikum Wien
- 12:10 – 12:20 **Interactive Exchange**
REGINA AICHNER and **BEATE TREML**, OeAD Austria's Agency for Education and Internationalisation
- 12:20 – 13:00 **Tangible Learning Outcomes through Internationalisation**
KEES KOUWENAAR, VU expert Aurora Competence Framework, International Office, Vrije Universiteit (VU) Amsterdam
- 13:00 – 14:00 **Lunch Break**

14:00 – 14:10 **Open Questions and Intro to the Breakout Sessions**

14:10 – 15:30 **Three Breakout Sessions:**

1. **Perspectives on an Internationalised Curriculum, with a Focus on Virtual Exchange:** Why is it relevant in this programme? (Based on Betty Leask's concepts): *Participants involved with strategic aspects of Internationalisation and curriculum development, people interested in setting up virtual exchange and/or in exchanging existing best practices*

AGNES KRIZ, Head of International Office, National EHEA Expert, UAS Technikum Wien

KOSJENKA DUMANČIĆ, Vice dean for strategic partnership and projects, The Faculty of Economics & Business, University of Zagreb (tbc)

2. **Flexible Curricula:** How to intergrate opportunities for mobility /internationalisation into the curriculum? *Target group: Participants involved with strategic aspects and/or methodic approaches of Internationalisation and curriculum development*

CHRISTINA RAAB, Deputy Head Aurora European University Office, Office for the Bologna Process & Teaching Development, National EHEA Expert, University of Innsbruck

REGINA AICHNER, Team coordinator Team Bologna Process and Reporting, OeAD Austria's Agency for Education and Internationalisation

MARTA ŽUVIĆ, Vice-rector for studies, students and quality assurance, University of Rijeka (tbc)

3. **The LOUIS Tool for Learning Outcomes:** *Target group: Participants who teach themselves and/or are involved in curriculum development*

KEES KOUWENAAR, VU expert Aurora Competence Framework, International Office, Vrije Universiteit (VU) Amsterdam

BEATE TREML, Project coordinator, OeAD Austria's Agency for Education and Internationalisation

15:30 – 16:00 **Short Presentations from Breakout Groups, Wrap up and Observations**

KOSJENKA DUMANČIĆ, Vice dean for strategic partnership and projects, The Faculty of Economics & Business, University of Zagreb

MARTA ŽUVIĆ, Vice-rector for studies, students and quality assurance, University of Rijeka

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Chairs of the event:

LOREDANA MARAVIĆ, Ministry of Science and Education of Croatia

MARINA CRNČIĆ SOKOL, Ministry of Science and Education of Croatia

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