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Project Title

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Project Summary

Ever since its foundation in 1964 the Evangelische Altenhilfe St. Georgen gGmbH has been dedicated to its primary aim of caring for those in society, which are no longer able to provide for themselves. The charitable organisation and its 200 employees operate two distinctive retirement homes, one day-care centre, a welfare centre and sheltered accommodations.

In anticipation of several sociographic changes (e. g. population ageing, immigration increase,...) our employee-development politics have been focused on the education of students and trainees. Not only do we prepare against insufficient employees for treatment of the ever growing numbers of elderly, but there is also a drive towards promotion of an exchange of ideas, values and world views, in order to build an integrative and tolerant world-view, suiting the development of our modern multicultural society. This in mind, we have, in the last couple of years, been involved in several programmes of legal migration and engagement of refugees for apprenticeships.

With the help of Erasmus+ we would like to continue our education politics by presenting 4 of our trainees the opportunity of an exchange programme abroad. During three weeks our soon to be geriatric nurses are planned to experience diverging working-methods in a varying cultural setting. In several meetings with our partners abroad we managed to organise procedures and topics of interest, so that there is no issue left out when it comes to the finalisation of our project.

Throughout the trip, it is made sure that there are mentors in place to assist, be it during tough times or any other kind of complications. Additional accompaniment is planned by the direction of the programme back home, so that we can assure a beneficial experience for everybody involved.

Educational objectives are to be formulated prior to the trainee's trips, which are to be implemented in their daily experience in their working places, so that they can observe and examine their progress during their stay abroad. In addition to the preparations mentioned, there are cultural background and history lessons planned to assist an ideal adaptation and cultural understanding.

After return, the whole process is to be evaluated and reflected upon by all the participants, applying the "PDCA-Zyklus". The reflections target the identification of weaknesses and strengths of the project, in order to adapt and continually improve the project for our and possibly also for the sake of like-minded projects in this domain. The propagation of the project and its benefits is to take place in schools, job-exhibitions and through social media, with the aim to advertise the domain of social caring itself and spread one path towards a culturally open and flexible society in general.

In total, 4 trainees are going to be sent to the partner institution - Diakoniewerk Gallneukirchen, Austria- during the time span of 20 months.

The international partner-network shall be expanded continually; naturally this project requires human and natural resources.

As a social institution, in aim of promoting the European ideal, we see it as our responsibility to further a tolerant society open for cultural diversity. As such, we perceive our ambition in the hereby introduced project.

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