



eTwinning Seminar
School cooperation in the Danube Region
Krems, 12-14 June 2024



The OeAD, as the Austrian National Agency for Erasmus+ and National eTwinning Support Organisation, hosted this year's edition of the eTwinning Danube Region Seminar in Krems on June 12-14, 2024. The event was organised in cooperation with the Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research which coordinates the Priority Area 9 of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region. The location of the seminar was Hotel Steigenberger in the beautiful city of Krems located in the UNESCO world heritage region of Wachau.

42 teachers from 12 Danube Region countries teaching pupils aged 6 to 19 participated in the event. Among the participants was also a representative of the eTwinning National Support Organisation from Moldova. The participants arrived on June 12 and first met for a networking dinner.

Ursula Panuschka, Head of Erasmus+ School Education and eTwinning Austria, opened the proceedings on the following day and welcomed the teachers. This was followed by a thematic input by Jürgen Schick from the Ministry of Education, Science and Research who presented the EU Strategy for the Danube Region highlighting the aspect of cooperation in the educational field. Subsequently, the participants had the chance to get to know each other through an ice breaking activity game.



Next, Rebecca Thorne from the Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe gave a very inspiring thematic input titled "Energizing Education in the Danube Region".

After that the participants joined one of the two eTwinning training workshops (beginners & advanced). The last input of the day came from Renate Gerber, eTwinning Ambassador and former teacher of GRG Maroltingergasse Vienna, presenting her awarded eTwinning and Erasmus+ Project "Triple E".

After the lunch break the participants were encouraged to define topics for their projects and organise project groups. The intercultural exchange continued in the late afternoon during a wine experience tour in Krems and a dinner in a restaurant in the city center.

The second day was dedicated to completing the project concepts and strengthening the project teams. After a challenging quiz testing the participants' knowledge of the Danube and a short Erasmus+ Introduction by Frederic Bayersburg from the Austrian National Agency, the teams finalised their project ideas in an intensive groupwork session where they also prepared creative project presentations. In total, 10 new projects have been developed and each participant is involved in at least one project team – which makes this seminar a resounding success!



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