

Session: Welcome and warm-up

Aim of session: The aim of the session is to welcome the participants of the staff week and introduce the hosting university and the city, as well as to integrate the participants and conduct a warm-up activity.

Material needed: computer, beamer and a room with a relevant space

Time of session: 1,5 hour

Description of session:

The session should cover the following topics:

- interesting facts and figures about the city where the staff week is organized, such as geographical, historical, economic and cultural background, as well as student population and its significance for the city;
- the description of the hosting institution with academic and social aspects presented.
- the approach of the institution to the recruitment of international students. The participants learn why and how the university attracts foreign students.
- the testimonies of real students (in a form of short paragraphs or quotations that relate to their experience at the university. It is advisable to attach the photo of the student next to the statement to make it more personal.

A short introduction helps the participants get an overview of the institution and its expertise when it comes to working with international students.

The short introduction is followed by the integration activity aiming at the participants getting to know each other. The participants are expected to form two circles: inner and outer where particular learners in both circles face each other. They are given two minutes to talk to the person facing them on the presented topics. Each time the topic changes people in the inner circle move left in order to talk to a different person.

- Favorite place to visit in your country / city
- Tell me something unique or surprising about yourself
- What do you love doing most in your life and why?
- A dream you plan to do within the next 5-10 years
- Most proud / embarrassing moment in your life
- What part of your job do you like most?

The summary of the sessions should point the attention of the participants to how different and yet how alike they are when it comes to life and work experience, dreams and plans for the future.

Other notes: The participants had a chance to introduce themselves on the platform and meet online during a webinar that preceded the physical training. This first on site session allows the organisers to strengthen the integration of the staff week participants by comparing their experience, plans, background and the work they do.



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