

Staff Training

# Connect, Reflect, Advance: A Community of Practice for Teaching and Learning Developers

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**3 – 5 February  
2026**

**University of  
Applied Sciences  
St. Pölten,  
Austria**

**Organized via  
Erasmus+ Staff  
Exchange**

We invite heads and expert staff members of teaching and learning centers—those guiding institutional efforts in faculty development, (digitally enhanced) pedagogical innovation and pedagogical curriculum development, — to join a vibrant community of practice. This gathering is designed to foster collaboration, share best practices, and explore strategic approaches to advancing teaching excellence in higher education.

## Key elements of the training

- Meet and Greet as well as Warm Up (with a creative ice breaker method)
- Expert keynote(s) on the future of staff development for teaching and learning / curriculum development
- Presentations of good practice examples of every institution, that support support staff development, high quality teaching and learning/curriculum development
- Collegial practice counselling in groups of current challenges concerning staff development / fostering high quality teaching and learning / curriculum development
- Good Practices on how Institutions they help E<sup>3</sup>UDRES<sup>2</sup> initiatives thrive
- Insights into developments, trends, challenges and agreed procedures in E<sup>3</sup>UDRES<sup>2</sup>
- Time for networking and ideation for joint projects/ventures

## Registration until 25.01.2026

**Registration and Submission Form Staff Training 3–5 Feb, 2026 @ USTP, Austria – Fill out form**

**Please note:** The registration form contains also the submission of optional abstracts.

If eligible, we recommend using the travel funding possibility from ERASMUS+ staff mobility for training.  
Our ERASMUS Code is: A ST-POLT03

## Preliminary Programme

### Day 1 – Welcome & Peer Learning (03.02.2025)

13:00–14:00	<b>Welcome &amp; Opening Remarks</b>
14:00 – 15:00	<b>Keynote 1:</b> <i>The Future of Teaching and Learning Centers</i> by Nynke Kruiderink (@Npuls)
15:00 – 15:30	Coffee Break
15:00 – 16:30	<b>Round 1: Success Showcases</b> – Presentations by participants: “One thing we do well”
16:30 – 17:00	Break
17:00 – 17:30	<b>Workshop:</b> “Mapping Institutional Strengths”
17:30 – 18:00	<b>Networking Drinks Reception</b>

### Day 2 – Practice & Peer Learning (04.02.2025)

09:00 – 09:15	Day 2 Kickoff – Reflections from Day 1
09:15 – 10:45	<b>Keynote 2:</b> <i>Curriculum Development in an Era of Transformation</i> (e.g., AI, interdisciplinarity, digital literacy) by Catherine O’Mahony (University of Cork)
10:45 – 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 – 12:30	<b>Round 2: Success Showcases</b> – Presentations by participants: “One thing we do well” –
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 15:00	<b>Round 2: Peer Consultancy Sessions:</b> “One challenge I bring”
15:00 – 15:30	Break
15:30 – 17:00	<b>Reflection &amp; Learning Harvest</b> – Each group presents insights & suggested next steps
17:00 – 19:00	Tour of the university and networking dinner

### Day 3 – Co-Creation & Collaboration (05.02.2025)

09:00 – 09:45	Keynote 3: <i>Future of Learning @E<sup>3</sup>UDRES<sup>2</sup>: pitfalls and possibilities</i> by Klaas Vansteenhuyse (Director of Learning @E <sup>3</sup> UDRES <sup>2</sup> )
09:45 – 10:45	Presentation of Initiatives, that help European Institutions thrive
10:45 – 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 – 12:00	<b>Ideation Sprint</b> – Brainstorm joint project ideas in breakout groups (grants, networks, staff development models) and Pitch
12:00 – 12:30	<b>Closing Circle</b> – Reflections, next steps, networking commitments
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch and Goodbyes

# E<sup>3</sup>UDRES<sup>2</sup>

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