



eTwinning Seminar  
School cooperation in the Danube Region  
Krems, 1-2 June 2023



The OeAD, as the Austrian National Agency for Erasmus+ and National eTwinning Support Organisation, hosted this year the twelfth edition of the eTwinning Danube Region Seminar in Krems on June 1-2, 2023. 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.

43 teachers from 11 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 Romania.

Ursula Panuschka, Head of Erasmus+ School Education and eTwinning Austria, opened the proceedings 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.

Next, Sophia Beiter from the Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe gave a thematic input titled “Language diversity in the Danube region: A unique cultural heritage and future potential at risk?”, which inspired a lively debate.



Subsequently, the participants had the chance to get to know each other through an ice breaking activity game before joining one of the two eTwinning training workshops (beginners & advanced).

After the lunch break Lisa Aichelburg, a teacher from HTL Spengergasse in Vienna, gave a motivating best practice presentation about her awarded project „A European Marketing Campaign“. For the final activity of the day, the participants were encouraged to define topics for their projects and organise project groups. The intercultural exchange continued in the evening during a guided tour through the valley of Wachau and a dinner in a restaurant on the banks of the Danube.

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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