

Project Outline and School Profile

About the school

The Hertha Firnberg Schools offer training in **business and tourism** with a wide-ranging practical training. Beside having a strong emphasis on gender equality, the school encourages the learning of several languages (students learn up to three foreign languages) and offers bilingual training. Through its curriculum the school **supports multilingualism and intercultural competence**. The cooperation with PlurCur should strengthen the institution in its efforts to support multilingualism.

About the project

Theme

Multilingual awareness and empowerment

Objectives

Raise and develop *students'* awareness of

- the languages surrounding them
- their own multilingualism

Motivate *students* to

- use their home and foreign languages
- apply knowledge and skills from their home and foreign languages to other languages

Raise and develop *teachers'* awareness of

- students' multilingualism
- productivity of multilingualism

Motivate *teachers* to

- use students' multilingualism as a tool for language teaching

Implementation

Students

- Form: learning-isle based workshop series covering different aspects of multilingualism
- Activities: cover a wide range of learning styles and multiple languages
- Product: individual portfolios

Teachers

- Form: interactive workshop
- Activities: analysis of students' portfolios
- Product: potential materials for classroom use

Indicators of successfulness

Students and teachers: evaluation of progress by means of pre- and post-workshop questionnaire and discussions

Relevance for research

How the awareness and acknowledgement of students' language background contributes to a better teaching and learning environment/to more successful teaching and learning of languages?

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