

Overview Special Interest Groups

Apart from the overall Staff Training Week program, we offer the following **special interest groups** on **Tuesday 27th** and **Wednesday 28th** of April:

No. 1: Workshop „Building Collaboration Brick by Brick. An Introduction to the Lego® Serious Play® Method“ Using the exemplary question „How to foster collaboration?“, this workshop not only explores the critical skill of working with others, but also introduces you to the Lego® Serious Play® Method. This method can be applied in practically all contexts of University life, which is why the workshop is open to everyone. The method is also being researched increasingly, and is said to support creativity, collaboration, and psychological safety in group settings. The workshop is playful, but not about playing. Rather, the famous bricks are used as a means to materialize mental models.	Prerequisites none
No. 2: Staff Council Tasks of the staff council within the framework of federal and provincial laws. Exchange on ways of interacting with colleagues/employees and on communication tools.	Prerequisites Only for employee representatives, work council, staff council, or staff committee, not from personnel department or HR department. People who represent concerns of other employees towards the management of their institution.
No. 3: Computer Center Workshop „Providing IT services in the area of conflict between globalization and digital sovereignty“	Prerequisites IT background
No. 4: International Office Workshops: On Tuesday, we'll be discussing the new Erasmus+ Generation 2028–2034. We'll be paying particular attention to the increasingly popular BIPs.	Prerequisites International Officers/ International Coordinators on central or faculty level

On Wednesday, the focus will be on the Welcome Culture at universities and the question, how we (can) support international students.	
No. 5: Faculty of Technology Department of Mechanical Engineering Project based learning in additive manufacturing and materials engineering Workshop and best practice exchange on project based teaching in the field of additive manufacturing, materials engineering and product development, including projects in international student groups	Prerequisites Teachers/lecturers/lab engineers in the field of mechanical engineering
No. 6: Knowledge and Technology Transfer Office Tuesday: Job Shadowing and Professional Exchange on Research Support and Knowledge Transfer On Tuesday, we invite participants to join a job shadowing experience and professional exchange focusing on research funding, transfer centres, contract research projects, and doctoral support. The programme will provide practical insights into different organizational structures, processes, and working methods. Participants will have the opportunity to share experiences, learn from each other, and discuss proven approaches and best practices from various institutions and countries. The exchange aims to foster mutual understanding and encourage collaboration in areas related to research management, innovation support, and academic development. Wednesday: Generational Change in Science and Higher Education On Wednesday, we invite participants to take part in a discussion on the challenges and opportunities associated with generational change in academia. Through keynote inputs, practical examples, experience sharing, and interactive discussions, we seek to bring together diverse perspectives from different higher education systems. The objective is to exchange experiences and develop a deeper understanding of the varying expectations regarding research, teaching, and collaboration across generations. The event will also explore similarities and differences between universities and universities of applied sciences in different countries and cultural contexts.	Prerequisites Research Managers / Research Advisors or Knowledge and - E7Technology Transfer Professionals, Science Communication professionals with the following background: • <i>Research Support and Research Development</i> • <i>Project Development</i> • <i>Knowledge and Technology Transfer</i> • <i>Third-Party Funding / Grant Acquisition</i> • <i>Science Communication</i> • <i>Knowledge and Technology Transfer Professionals</i> • <i>Science Communication Professionals</i>