

Call for proposals

Dear colleagues and friends,

we would like to invite you to the **first international conference** of the Erasmus+ project **DASCHE**:

“Meaning and role of social competence in higher education – voices from research and practice”

Bremen, June 13th 2019

House of Science, Sandstraße 4/5, 28195 Bremen

Social competences are part of the national and European competence framework. They represent a desirable learning goal on all education levels. However, it is not defined well.

Our intention

More than ever before rapidly changing working conditions and social structures require individuals who actively shape their role in society. Higher education institutions form future leaders for positions in society that require a high degree of responsibility. In response to that, higher education institutions provide specific programmes and strategic threads to realise related education goals. The DASCHE project intends to study which education offers have been developed by universities in Europe to develop such competences — we call them, broadly, social competences.

During the first DASCHE conference, we want to provide a platform for you to showcase your existing projects and ideas that already realise social competence teaching and learning not only focused on work and professional-related skills, but also on critical engagement, social consciousness and empowerment. We want to provide a space for discussion about the competing purposes of Higher Education that exist within current discourse and offer an opportunity for colleagues to engage in meaningful discussions about higher Education as a place of change.

We invite you to present your initiative, project or education programme to other interested groups in the field of higher education and committed to social competences.

Your benefit

The selected papers be considered for inclusion in a publication about social competence in higher education. The book will cover definitions and theoretical conceptions of social competence, theoretical considerations about social competence in higher education teaching & learning and ethical reflections, as well as examples of good — or even best — practice.

If you want to attend the conference and **present** a good practice example, please confirm your participation and send your proposal (max. 500 words) to kristina.kuehn@uni-bremen.de until March 8th 2019.

If you want to **attend** the conference, please confirm your participation via email to kristina.kuehn@uni-bremen.de until March 8th 2019.

Participation is free. A limited budget is available for travel and accommodation of selected participants. Please inform us about your need for financial support when mailing us. Attached, please find the draft conference programme.