

# ENGAGE STUDENTS

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## Winter School— Teachers’ Training Week on Service Learning & Student Engagement

From 17.02-21.02.2020 a Winter School on Service Learning took place at the University of Vienna. It offered an intensive training on Service Learning and similar teaching approaches to embrace student engagement.

It provided inputs from experts across Europe (Lorraine McIlrath, University of Galway; Barbara Schober, University of Vienna; Magdalena Fellner, Danube University Krems; Ilse Schrittmesser, University of Vienna; Katrin Kleemann, University of Potsdam & Katharina Resch, University of Vienna), interactive exercises in groups, the opportunity for an international exchange of knowledge with other educators, and the presentation of a workbook „How to do Service Learning“. The main target groups were teachers in higher education, who already work with the Service Learning approach and other methodologies of applied coursework or who plan to work with them.

The Winter School was co-funded by the European Union and was part of the Erasmus+ project ENGAGE STUDENTS (2019-2021).

*“In this winter school I learned a lot because I had no previous contact with this methodology and I believe I am going to improve my courses.”*

*“I learned a lot in this winter school and now I really feel enabled to plan an activity, which I can really call Service Learning and to some degree I didn’t have that confidence in the past.”*

*“I think it was great. It was a nice experience. It was very nice to meet other colleagues and make friends. It was very good to discuss things among people we don’t know from anywhere. We were complete strangers.’ And I think the small groups functioned very well. There was no competition, there was fair commitment on the training sessions.”*

*Participants in the Winter School*



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