

ENGAGE STUDENTS

**Promoting social responsibility of students by embedding
service learning into higher education curricula**

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The project

- Main topic: „Learning“ through „service“, civic engagement, and reaching out to the local community using the **service learning approach**
- Target groups
 - Teachers in higher education
 - Students in higher education
 - Community partners
- **ENGAGE STUDENTS** provides practical guidance and training for teachers and students in the service learning methodology

Aims and objectives

Teachers

- To implement and test new teaching methods, especially service learning;
- To link theory with real community needs;
- To foster collaboration between teachers.

Students

- To acquire the ability to develop, run, and reflect upon a service;
- To develop a sense of responsibility and civic engagement;
- To experience a new mode of learning;
- To broaden career choices and employability.

Key activities

1. **Needs Analysis** in local communities including an **internal kick-off events** and stakeholder analysis;
2. **Service Learning Methodology Toolkit** including interviews with educators about how they apply service learning and a desk research how to structure different methodologies of service learning;
3. **Workbook „How to do service learning“ for teachers**, written, tested and used in a one-week training event for teachers in Austria;
4. **Study on student experiences** with service learning including a student blog, a summer school, and measuring their experiences with service learning.

Other activities

- One-week training event for teachers in Austria about the service learning approach (C1: Staff Training, March 2020);
- One-week virtual spring school for students in Portugal reflecting their experiences with the service learning approach (C2: Spring School, May 2020);
- **ENGAGE STUDENTS** newsletters;
- Online student blog;
- Final conference in Bucharest/RO in conjunction with ECSLHE2021 (16-17 of September 2021);
- Academic papers.

The partners



- University Politehnica Bucharest (RO)
- University of Vienna (AT)
- Dublin City University (IE)
- University degli Studi di Roma La Sapienza (IT)
- Kaunas University of Technology (LI)
- University of Porto (PT)

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