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Invitation and Call for Application for International Summer School "Implementation of Sustainability into Research and Teaching of Higher Education Institutions in Eastern Europe"

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On behalf of the Institute for Environmental and Sustainability Communication of Leuphana University Lüneburg we are pleased to invite you to our International Summer School "Implementation of Sustainability into Research and Teaching of Higher Education Institutions in Eastern Europe" held in Lüneburg, Germany.

The Summer School, scheduled from 12 to 20 September 2011 (11 September: day of arrival; 21 September: day of departure), aims to encourage the implementation of sustainability into research and teaching of East European Universities – both in terms of higher education policy frameworks and transformation of higher education institutions.

The German Federal Foundation for the Environment (Deutsche Bundesstiftung Umwelt, DBU) is providing financial support to organize these International Summer School.

As part of the agenda, participants will be able to attend the "4th International Conference of the UNESCO Chair 'Higher Education for Sustainable Development'", also taking place in Lüneburg from 14 to 16 September 2011.

The Topics

The main topic of the Summer School in Lüneburg is "Higher Education for Sustainability". Papers of participants and invited guests, as well as group discussion will address the question how universities can actively face up to the challenges associated with sustainable development, and to what extent targeted structural changes can contribute to transforming universities for sustainability. The program will be organised by the UNESCO Chair "Higher Education for Sustainable Development" of the Institute for Environmental and Sustainability Communication (INFU). The following key topics will be covered:



- Universities as teaching, learning and living environments for sustainable development: contributions of educational institutions to promote sustainable societal development;
- Implementation of sustainability-oriented teaching: challenges for curricular mainstreaming; content-related, methodological and structural challenges for different target groups;
- Sustainability research: inter- and transdisciplinary research approaches and methods;
- Sustainability-oriented cooperation between science and practice: challenges (interface management and knowledge integration); efficiency measurement and evaluation;
- Approaches to academic institutionalization of sustainability: management systems, indicator sets, benchmark systems, approaches to organizational change.

The Program

The program will include:

- Papers and case studies presented by the participants and invited experts
- Group work and group discussions
- Excursion

You may find a tentative program for the Summer School in Lüneburg on the website under <http://www.leuphana.de/institute/infu/unesco-chair.html> in the upcoming weeks.

Cost Coverage

Following costs will be covered by the project:

- International return flight arrive Hamburg or Hanover (economy class only): cost subsidy EUR 500 maximum
- Transport from Hamburg or Hanover airport to Lüneburg (by train and bus)
- Accommodation and living costs during the stay in Lüneburg
- Health insurance and visa costs

All other costs, such as transport costs from participants' home town to their home airport, are participants' responsibility.

Participants

The participants of the International Summer School should be working

- in the field of higher education and in the field of education for sustainable development in exemplary operating universities
- as decision makers in the higher education sector (e.g. science and education ministries)
- in intermediary organizations such as higher education associations, academic organizations etc.



- as “multipliers”, e.g. people who are in a position to spread the acquired knowledge and experience.

All participants interested in giving a presentation during the summer school are requested to send abstracts. The main topics are listed above. Abstracts should not exceed one page; please use font type “Arial”, font size 11, 1.5 line spacing.

Application

Are you interested? Then your submission should include the following:

- A letter of application, clarifying your motivation for participation
- A short CV with personal data and professional development
- A portrait photo in digital or printed form
- A short description of your present duties / position and your personal professional goals, indicating your envisaged field of activities and duty level

The Summer School will be held in English. Sufficient language skills are essential to follow the presentations and participate in the discussions.

Due date for application is **15 May 2011**.

Please send your application to Ms Insa Otte, Leuphana University of Lüneburg. Do not hesitate to contact her also for further questions,
e-mail: iotte@leuphana.de.

With best regards,

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