

Press release

Enhance your intercultural competence with EDICC

Professionals from different fields live and work in increasingly diverse societies. Misunderstanding and poor sensibility on intercultural issues may cause conflicts and even economic losses for enterprises. Today, the competence in a globalised world requires skills in intercultural management. For this, a European consortium has created the *European Diploma in Intercultural Competence (EDICC)*. It is a work-life-oriented diploma that equips you to meet the demands of multicultural work-life.

Academic professionals in business life and others working with migrants and minorities in intercultural work environments are the main target groups of the Diploma. The Diploma curriculum bases on theories and research results applied to practice in an interdisciplinary approach.

There will be a unified curriculum for the studies, provided in cooperation with 12 partners across Europe, all of whom are known for their expertise in intercultural studies. The curriculum will be launched first in fall 2012 at the Center for Intercultural Studies of the Danube University Krems in Austria.

The curriculum is divided into four units. First unit treats the foundations of intercultural competence, including the context and theoretical knowledge. Second unit consists of intercultural communication. Third unit approaches management of intercultural work communities, including conflict resolutions and avoidance. Finally, the fourth unit consists of electives and contextualising of intercultural competence.

The European Diploma in Intercultural Competence aims for sustainable solutions for increasing understanding of cultural differences and promotes culturally sensitive working practices. The curriculum consists of 30 ECTS credits, of which a large part is taught via e-learning.

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Further information: <http://www.edicc.eu>