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<p>Name of the course: Lerner-oriented organisation of the transition from day-care centre to primary school, focus Early Literacy</p>	<p>Early Years Transition Programme</p> 	<p>Institution: Pädagogische Hochschule Burgenland Kindergartens of the Burgenland</p>
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Preliminary Note: According to the legal background it is only possible to offer Seminars which last one day. But this may be the chance to motivate the staff of the Kindergartens in the Burgenland to visit following –up Seminars in the spare time. With this seminars nearly the half of the Kindergarten-teachers are reached by the ideas and aims of the EASE project – corresponding to the interests of the European Union. So the most important aim of the seminar is to give an introduction to present developments and to motivate the participants to visit the further offers.

Training

Course description in the study programme:

The seminar is part of the in-service training of the Pädagogische Hochschule Burgenland for Kindergarten staff:

Introduction: Childcare today

Based on the OECD – Report „Starting strong I and II” the focus of the introduction is the development in the early childhood care: The main interest of Kindergarten must not be any longer to keep the children: it has to be education. Promoting the interests and the dispositions of the children has to be in the focus of the work in Kindergarten. Although the legal possibilities are at the moment not the best in Austria it is necessary to reach a European standard in this area.

The Learning of children

How children in this age learn and what is the main focus of this part of the seminar. Today we know such a lot of the brain, how it is working and what it will need for a good development. Starting from Manfred Spitzer, a German scientist, the relation between play and learning will be worked out.

Learning stories

Based on the "Learning stories" of Margaret Carr and the German Version of the "Deutsches Jugendinstitut" EASE developed a version which enables Kindergarten teachers to watch the interests of children, enable discussions within the staff of the institution and open ways to arrange situations, which are important for the further development of the children.

Pedagogical curriculum

Kindergartens have to develop a pedagogical curriculum: In the last part of the seminar the focus will be how to write this curriculum, which content it should have and how the contacts with the parents and the community can be done.

No Costs for the participants

Implementation

All interested Kindergartens and institutions of early childhood development are call for the help of experts from the Pädagogische Hochschule Burgenland.

Description of evaluation:

- The Seminar is evaluated by a questionnaire at the end of the seminar.
- In following up seminars in the next term the content and the tasks for the staff of the Kindergartens will be evaluated and developed further in Seminars, offered by the Pädagogische Hochschule Burgenland.

Certification:

- Every participant receives a certificate of the participating in the course from the Pädagogische Hochschule Burgenland.

Dissemination - Sustainability:

All persons, involves in the training and also persons which are interested in the content of the EASE – project will be able to visit the internet –platform, where all documents are available.

Overview about the Seminars:

Place	Date
Birkenhof Gols Bezirk Neusiedl /See	22.10.; 20.11.
Gemeindezentrum Unterkohlstetten Bezirk Oberwart	16.10.
Bildungshaus St. Stefan Bezirk Oberpullendorf	16.11.
Kulturzentrum Mattersburg Bezirk Mattersburg	29.10.
Stadthotel Pinkafeld Bezirk Oberpullendorf	27.10.
Kompetenzzentrum PH Burgenland Bezirk Eisenstadt	17.9.
Schwabenhof Bezirk Güssing	18.11.