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Towards a European Syllabus in Teacher Education (TESTEd)

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In a nutshell: Global challenges require global solutions

We want to work together with international universities and school partners to develop a European syllabus on the following cross-cutting topics:

- Teaching in multilingual and diverse classrooms
- Gender sensitivity in teaching and learning
- Education for sustainable development
- The digitalization of learning spaces
- Democratic education and fostering active citizenship
Objectives

- **European Syllabus in international expert groups**
  - Training schools and critical friends provide feedback and ensure a practical fit to national rules and requirements

- Syllabus will be implemented in **joint virtual seminars and maker spaces in initial teacher education and continuous professional development (CPD) courses** addressing in-service teachers
  - Teacher multiplier training at the end of the CPD courses will benefit schools in their internationalisation efforts
Objectives

- Promotion through a joint publication will focus on comparing practices in teaching cross-cutting issues leading to the European Syllabus.
- Student research exchange will further advance internationalisation through physical mobility
- Political impact through the inclusion of communal CityLabs and an international closing conference
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Sustainability in TESTEd

EU document „GreenComp“:

The European sustainability competence framework.

It states that “Sustainability means prioritising the needs of all life forms and of the planet by ensuring that human activity does not exceed planetary boundaries”.

In connection to that definition, ESD would be conceptualized as educational practices that “empower learners to embody sustainability values, and embrace complex systems, in order to take or request action that restores and maintains ecosystem health and enhances justice, generating visions for sustainable futures”.

https://publications.jrc.ec.europa.eu/repository/handle/JRC128040
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Key idea of the syllabus:

- Harnessing Agency in Sustainability:
  
  • Using service learning, a teaching method that aims to combine students' social engagement with subject learning in the classroom.

Local example @ Ruhr-Universität Bochum:
Teacher students engage socially in sustainability project by local schools and form teams with pupils by doing together research on Urban Gardening

http://staff.germanistik.rub.de/urban-gardening/
Thank you for your attention.

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