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Dear EPiC TLC Community,

in times when internationalisation in higher education is challenged in many places, it feels all the more inspiring to see the benefits of collaboration and exchange. We are grateful to be able to present such great examples in our Community of Practice in International Teaching and Learning: In the May edition of our EPiCEduTalk & Café series, educators from different EPICUR partner universities shared their experiences with joint international learning offers, answered questions and provided practical tips. The spirit was palpable during the online event as it was illustrated how international learning experiences go above and beyond way traditionally defined learning outcomes and curricula: They foster not only creative solutions to novel problems, but enhance communicative abilities, cross-cultural understanding, and the development of friendships! Our appreciation goes out this month to Oriane Vetter (UHA), Steffen Kjaer Johansen (SDU), Stefanie Klose (UFR), Donna Hurford (SDU) and all you curious community members in the audience, for connecting to explore and grow together! In case you have missed the event, as usual, you can find the recording and the presentation slides in the EPiC TLC under Let's Connect!

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EPICUR Seed Funding 2025: Application phase open!

EPICUR is once again supporting interdisciplinary research projects through the **EPICUR Seed Funding Scheme** 2025, with the aim of intensifying research collaboration and **future joint teaching and learning** between members of the alliance. Projects will be funded with up to €150,000 each. The proposal must include the design and planning of a **joint EPICUR learning activity** of a minimum of 6 hours to be implemented during the seed funding phase (or in the six months following the end of the project). Colleagues from all EPICUR universities can apply until 4 September 2025. Further information is available here.

Connect, explore and grow around linguistic diversity!

The next meeting of the **Special Interest Group (SIG)** *English and other language medium instruction* will be held on Friday, 27 June 2025 from 10:00 am-11:30 am (CET) in the BigBlueButton meeting room in the SIG's space on the EPiC TLC. We will be discussing: "Emplacing English as

lingua franca in international higher education: A spatial perspective on linguistic diversity." The article can be found in the SIG's "Expert resources" folder. Please remember: All members of the EPiC TLC Community are invited to **find, join and create Special Interest Groups** to exchange with likeminded peers across the alliance in the EPiC TLC under Let's Connect.

EPiC TLC workshop offer: Teaching and Learning in Intercultural Contexts

Join us on October 17, 9.00 am-13.00 pm CET to **further your competences in intercultural higher education** contexts together with other educators from across EPICUR! Register **here** (the direct-link works after you have logged into the EPiC TLC with your regular university login info).

How to consider diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) in teaching and learning

Have you ever wondered about how to make your courses or learning materials more **inclusive**? Maybe you are worried about **DEI** being another project too big to handle among all your other teaching tasks? **You may be inspired by our colleagues at SDU:** They explored how underlying principles of DEI can be integrated in teaching and learning practice, and interviewed educators illustrating **examples from daily practice**. You are invited to reflect practicable ways to making your own teaching more intercultural, innovative, international, interactive, or interdisciplinary and – therefore – inclusive!

Your quick feedback to co-create the EPiC TLC!

Whether you are new to the community or have been there from the start, your feedback matters to us: Please take a minute or two and answer 5 1/2 questions. Let us know what offers you benefit from and/or how the EPiC TLC may improve to meet your teaching development needs. We're delighted to continue developing the EPiC TLC for you: https://learn.epicur.education/goto_epicur_svy_35383.html

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