



**University of Kragujevac**  
**Faculty of Education in Jagodina, Serbia**

**BIP's Project Title:**

## **NEW CHALLENGES IN CROSS-CULTURAL COMMUNICATION AND EDUCATION**

**Subject of the project:** Improving and modernizing English language teaching and research through international cooperation between students from Hungary, Croatia and Serbia.

**Aim of the project:** The purpose of this scientific project is to enable research in the field of foreign language teaching and to provide support for publishing these results. The aim is also to determine the ways and possibilities of realization and improvement of foreign language teaching and learning skills in online surrounding, in order to encourage the development of students creative and critical thinking abilities.

### **ORGANIZING INSTITUTION**

**University of Pécs, Faculty of Cultural Sciences, Education and Regional Development**, 7633 Pécs, Szántó Kovács János u. 1/b. Hungary, represented by dean Prof. Dr. Gábor Szécsi.  
Contact person: **Mária Bajner**, associate professor on behalf of University of Pécs, Faculty of Cultural Sciences, Education and Regional Development, Hungary (co-author of the project).

### **COLLABORATING INSTITUTIONS**

**Faculty of Education in Jagodina, University of Kragujevac**, Milana Mijalkovica 14, 35000 Jagodina, Republic of Serbia, represented by dean Violeta Jovanovic, full professor.

Contact person: **Ivana Ćirković-Miladinović**, associate professor on behalf of the Faculty of Education in Jagodina, University of Kragujevac, Republic of Serbia (co-author of the project)

**Faculty of Education in Osijek, University of Osijek**, Cara Hadrijana 10, PP 330, Croatia, represented by dean Damir Matanović, full professor.

Contact person: **Ivana Moritz**, assistant professor and vice-dean for science on behalf of the Faculty of Education in Osijek, University of Osijek, Croatia.

### **LECTURERS**

**Mária Bajner**, associate professor on behalf of the University of Pécs.

**Ivana Ćirković-Miladinović**, associate professor on behalf of the University of Kragujevac.

**Ivana Moritz**, assistant professor on behalf of the University of Osijek.

### **VIRTUAL COURSE (online)**

*Summer semester 2022, 8 weeks, 40 hours.*

The course will be offered in the area of Methodology of Teaching English as a foreign language and cultural studies. The purpose of this course is to raise students' awareness of the significance of the intercultural understanding and to develop and enhance their intercultural competences through communication and collaboration in English. The students involved would have to choose partners from the other two countries to carry out research based on the the seminar topic. Hence, students will work in small groups of three. The findings of the research can be submitted in the form of video, blogs, PPT presentation, essay, etc.

## MAIN TOPICS / CURRICULUM

Lecture and workshop topics would be under the umbrella of the major topic „New challenges in cross-cultural training and education” with the following subtopics:

- 1) Cross-cultural communication and education in the region
- 2) Global English and intercultural understanding in our region
- 3) Gender issues in education
- 4) Critical thinking skills in cultural discussion
- 5) Cooperation in intercultural surrounding
- 6) Learning skills in/for the 21st century
- 7) Using metaphors in intercultural surrounding
- 8) Understanding proverbs in intercultural surrounding



These topics would be realized during the online sessions in summer semester 2022 by the three lecturers covering four topics each.



## SUMMER SCHOOL (offline)

*5 days of group work and collaboration, 35 hours, project presentations, blogs, exchange of ideas, discussions, sightseeing, trips.*

One week (5 working days) all students-participants in the project, will be involved in live seminar sessions in Pecs, Hungary (host institution) which should improve students' cooperation and project outcomes. Three parties (Pecs, Osijek and Kragujevac) will be involved in all project activities with the aim to connect students from three universities and to expand both their cultural understanding and understanding on education challenges in the 21st century.



## IMPORTANT TERMS AND DEADLINES

Deadline of Applications for Participation: 20/2/2022

Virtual event: March and April 2022 (8 weeks, 40 hours)

Physical event: Summer school at the University of Pecs, July  
(5 days, 35 hours)

## EXPENSES, FEES, AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Participation in the Blended Intensive Program is free of charge. The attendance of the Summer School will be financed from the Erasmus+ program.

### EXPECTED FINANCIAL SUPPORT:

70€/Day (ERASMUS+ Rules)

Travelling expenses

(for students with fewer opportunities)

Extra funding in case of green travel