

# EURAXESS Study Visits 2021

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## “How to host an ONLINE social networking event for international/incoming researchers”

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*19 February 2021*

### **How to host an ONLINE social networking event for international/incoming researchers – hosted by SAIA, Slovakia:**

- Sharing ideas, experience and good practices on tips for hosting/organising an online interactive social networking event for international researchers, online event facilitation tips, interactive tools, a workshop on designing and facilitating an online social networking event for international researchers with a diverse cultural background.
- Sarah Widmoser, MCI
- Martina Laffer, OeAD

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### Was bei der Durchführung von online social networking events zu beachten ist:

- „Ice-Breaker“-Spiel zu Beginn der Veranstaltung, z.B. Kahoot Fragen, Kennenlernspiele der TN untereinander;
- Eher kurze, anstatt lange Sessions planen;
- Passende Uhrzeit für den Event, abgestimmt auf Zielgruppe, Nationalitäten bzw. Gewohnheiten der TN; generell besser später, zwischen 16:00-18:00 Uhr;

### Ideen für social networking events

- **„Object from my room“**: Breakoutrooms zu je 10 TN pro Raum, Zeitrahmen: 15 – 20 Minuten;  
Task: Jeder soll ein Objekt, welches sich in dem Raum befindet, und die besondere Geschichte dazu kurz vorstellen. Vorteil: guter Icebreaker für Personen, die einander nicht kennen, leicht zu spielen;
- **„My City“**: Breakoutrooms zu je 3 bis 5 TN, Zeitrahmen: 15 – 20 Minuten;  
Task: TN werden gebeten, vier ihrer Lieblingsplätze in ihrer Heimatstadt vorzustellen. Dabei teilen sie ihren Bildschirm (Google Maps) gemeinsam mit der Erzählung zu den Plätzen (warum es der Lieblingsplatz ist, etc.); eventuell voting für beliebteste Plätze durch andere Teilnehmer; evt. Kombination mit <https://www.goosechase.com/>;
- **My priority during „Covid-Times“**: Breakoutrooms zu 3 bis 5 TN, Zeitrahmen: 15 – 20 Minuten;  
Task: TN notieren 5 Aktivitäten auf 5 Post-Its, die einem während der derzeitigen Situation besonders wichtig sind, danach muss man überlegen, welche zwei davon man aufgeben könnte. Die letzten drei werden dann von jedem TN vorgestellt;
- Weitere Möglichkeiten: Guides tours online; Themen basierende Events

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### Mögliche Tools:

- **Mentimeter:** App zum Erstellen von Präsentationen mit Echtzeit-Feedback, bietet sich gut an für Fragerunden, um Teilnehmer/innen zur Partizipation anzuregen, <https://www.mentimeter.com/>
- **Miro:** Online Visual Collaboration Platform for Teamwork, <https://miro.com/about/>
- **Mural:** Digitaler Arbeitsbereich für visuelle Zusammenarbeit, <https://www.mural.co/>
- **Jamboard:** Ein digitales interaktives Whiteboard, das von Google für die Arbeit mit Google Workspace entwickelt wurde, <https://workspace.google.com/products/jamboard/>
- **Scribbl.io**, kostenloses Multiplayer-Zeichen- und Ratespiel, <https://skribbl.io/> (drawing game)
- **Gather.town:** Videoanrufbereich, in dem mehrere Personen gleichzeitig separate Gespräche führen und diese Gespräche betreten und verlassen können, <https://gather.town/>; Siehe: [New York Times Artikel](#)
- **Padlet:** kostenloses Online-Tool, das am besten als Online-Schwarzes Brett beschrieben wird, <https://padlet.com/>

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## “Collaboration as a welcoming tool”

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2 March 2021

### “Collaboration as a welcoming tool”

- hosted by the University of Lausanne and the University of Geneva
- Participants: Daniel D'Assisi (MCI), Ina-Maria Haas (IST Austria)

### Welcome Center of the University of Lausanne (Marcelina Klaus Gaillard)

- The Welcome Centre of UNIL is part of the International Relations Office
- Green campus, sheep on campus; 14,700 students, 10-20 active dual career cases per year
- Mission: support visiting scholars, researchers and international staff
- Help in internal/external administrative procedures, accommodation, insurances, language courses, school system and Dual Career Couples program

### Welcome Center of the University of Geneva (Corrine Galland)

- Mission: support academic/research staff, senior medical staff and senior managers staff and their families (for 3 partner institutions)
- Help in relocation and dual career services
- Many international institutions around: Chambers of Commerce, Industrial Association, etc.

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### **Missions of the International Link (Laurine Chiarini)**

- Reloc´coffee: 10x per year, ≈20 participants, different speakers
  - Topics: professional integration, CV check, language courses, etc.
- Welcome Day: 2x per year, ≈22 participants, arranged babysitting
  - Topics: must-knows: taxes, insurances, how to look for a job, local food, etc.
- Visit of local companies: 2x per year, ≈15 participants
  - Minimum language skills required

### **Presentation of International Dual Career Network (IDCN) (Julia Bragina)**

- Partner in Dual Career Couple Support
- Global, volunteers only
- Workshops and networking meetings, e.g. panel discussions with HR experts, “presenting your best self – why LinkedIn matters”, success stories, etc.
- Current COVID situation: online events only

### **Workshop 1: Help with relocation focused on accommodation & cooperation between different institutions (Daniel)**

- Universities of Bordeaux, Bern, Geneva, Luxembourg
- Topics: mainly about accommodation, high expectations, online accommodation viewing as new tool

### **Workshop 2: Dual Career Couples (Ina)**

- Universities of Copenhagen, Hamburg, Basel, Iceland, Luxembourg, Umea
- Topics: current DC support, future plans, challenges, best practices

### **Conclusions/general challenges:**

- Expectation management of importance
- Invest in strong network, e.g. Chambers of Commerce, local DC networks, etc.
- Language skills required for local job market
- Support with accommodation required, especially in case of high living costs
- Need for part time opportunities/help with childcare
- More capacities needed for tailored and individual DC support

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## “EURAXESS Centre’s activities before, during and after the pandemic”

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*23 March 2021*

### **EURAXESS Centre’s activities before, during and after the pandemic – hosted by the University of Gothenburg**

- Insight into the organisation of Welcome Services, daily work management, information seminars and activities for the international researchers, activities of Welcome Services during the pandemic, instead of cancelling everything.
- Leena Saurwein, MCI
- Anja Meier, Montanuniversität Leoben
- Veronika Rechberger, MedUni Graz

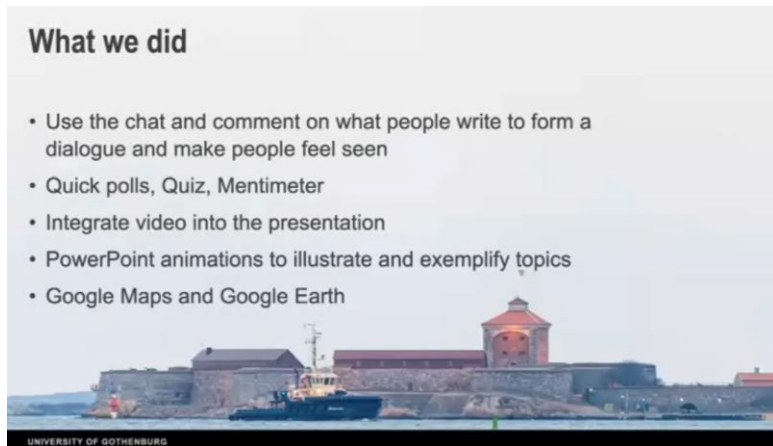




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- Verwendete nützliche Tools für Online Events:



- Swedish EURAXESS Network – Webinare für Forscher & Partner (Swedish labour market, History of Sweden, Social Integration..)

Feedback Online GSU:

Vorteil: Flexibilität, Nachteil: Teilnehmeranzahl eingeschränkt (?),  
Vernetzungsqualität leidet enorm

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*22-23 April 2021*

## **ONLINE Group study visit "FAU (Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg) Welcome Centre: a Full Service Welcome Centre"**

- The FAU Welcome Centre will present their comprehensive concept in welcome services providing support for international PhD students and PostDoc researchers before, during and after their stays. In two half-day sessions, the hosts will cover a wide range of topics from the comprehensive welcome services, social media activities to dual career support and intercultural communication.
- Ann-Christin Kehrberg Kehrberg, TU Wien
- Anja Meier, Montanuniversität Leoben
- Iris Perko-Raspotnig, Universität Klagenfurt
- Karin Siebenhandl, Donau-Universität Krems
- Veronika Rechberger, MedUni Graz