



Staff Training - Social Work and Public Health in Linz

The project meeting of the Doctoral Programme in Public Health and Social Sciences (DPPHSS) was organized in Linz Austria on 11-13 May 2022 by University of Applied Sciences Upper Austria. The meeting was focused to the methodical aspects and management of projects on „Staff Training - Social Work and Public Health“. It was opened by the Dean prof. Dr. Christian Stark with the introduction to the programme and presentations of the University of Applied Sciences Upper Austria.

Although the meeting was focused on social work and social science, Dr Martin Sprenger with his presentation introduced participants of the project from the associated Universities (Austria, Georgia, Armenia, Sweden, Romania and Slovakia) to the public health system in Austria and in the individual regions of Austria. The lively discussion developed during this presentation as the participants of the meeting discussed about similar public health issues which are identified in each of the represented countries.

As it is mentioned above, the meeting in Linz was focused to social work and presented by social workers and graduated students from University of Applied Sciences Upper Austria. The main topics were as follows:

- drug addict and drug policy in Austria
- social work with sex-workers
- the necessity of social work science for professional social work practice
- social work with HIV positive and AIDS patients.

In each of the above mentioned topics we can find a connection with the issues of public health and the area for primary prevention, which is one of the pillars of public health. The discussed topics also open up possibilities for new projects and collaborations.

Besides the lectures we had the opportunity to visit The Neuromed Campus of the Kepler University Hospital, where we were introduced to clinical social work in the field of psychiatric hospital.

The participants of the DPPHSS meeting attended also the coordination meeting in which they extensively discussed the final work on the project activities.

The Staff training in Linz was attended by employees of Slovak Medical University in Bratislava (SMU), Faculty of Public Health – project manager Prof. Ivan Čížnár, MSc., PhD., DrSc, Mária Bartušová, MSc., PhD. and internal doctoral student Katarína Trajlínková, MSc., They would like to take this opportunity to express their sincere thanks to organizational team led by prof. Stark for the preparation and management of the meeting in Linz and for their hospitality.

More information about the project can be found on the official project website:
<https://dpphss.am/>



Pictures: International team of the project DPPHSS