



# WP4: FRIENDS Teahouses



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# WP4 Introduction

- One of the FRIENDS project's three key outcomes:
  1. Roadmap
  2. Intercultural Passport
  3. **Teahouses**
- Extension of IRO
- Multicultural hub for students
- Run by trained students under IRO supervision
- Target group: students who cannot or will not take part in mobilities and inbound students

# Rationale

- Develop global skills of non-mobile students and staff
- Internationalize the extracurricular agenda of PC HEI IROs
- Provide integrated care to inbound and international students on campus
- Institutionalize a new structural unit at HEIs (Teahouses)



# WP4: FRIENDS Teahouses

## WP4 Overview

### 4.1 Student Boot Camp

- 8 weeks, Year 2, M9, M10 (4 weeks each)

### 4.2 Home Away from Home Staff Retreat

- 1 week, Year 2, M11

### 4.3 Home Away from Home Programme

- 4 weeks, Year 3, M1, M2 (2 weeks each)

## WP4 Overview

### 4.4 FRIENDS Teahouses Code of Conduct and Calendar

- 4 weeks, Year 3, M1, M2 (2 weeks each)

### 4.5 FRIENDS International Multicultural Festivals

- 2 weeks, Year 3, M3

# WP4 Timeline

WP4 Activities	Y2												Y3											
	M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6	M7	M8	M9	M10	M11	M12	M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6	M7	M8	M9	M10	M11	M12
4.1 Boot Camp									■	■														
4.2 Staff Retreat											■													
4.3 HafH Program													■	■										
4.4 Teahouse CoC													■	■										
4.5 Festivals															■									

# Details

A detailed look at WP4 sections



## 4.1 Student Boot Camp

- Date: 14-09-2020
- 8-week student mobility in Bulgaria
- Winners of Digital Storytelling Contest (3 students per PC HEI)
- PrC HEI expert trainers deliver 7 modules:
  - Cross-cultural studies
  - Creativity and innovation
  - Art management
  - Event management
  - project management
  - Leadership
  - student engagement





## 4.2 Home away from Home Staff Retreat

- Date: 14-10-2020
- 3-day event in Thailand
- In framework of 5<sup>th</sup> Partner meeting
- Design thinking activities for HafH Programme
- Team-building exercises
- HafH program

## 4.3 Home away from Home Staff Programme

- Date: 14-01-2021
- 5-page document in English
- Integrated model for international student care and support
- Adjusted to fit local context
- Translated to the official language of each PC
- HafH program will be implemented in the PC IRO

## 4.4 Teahouse Code of Conduct and Calendar

- Date: 14-01-2021
- Multicultural hub and social space where students from different cultural background will meet, gather, create, share, interact, and learn from each other.
- Agenda for Teahouse activities
- Made by PC IRO and students
- To be regularly updated with formal and informal activities
- equipment (total)
  - 24 desk computers
  - 36 laptops
  - 60 MS Office licenses
  - 12 copy machines
  - 12 projectors
  - 12 TVs
- To be published through websites and social media channels

## 4.5 FRIENDS International and Intercultural Festivals

- Date: 14-02-2021
- Event to be held upon completion of the FRIENDS Teahouse
- 1-day large-scale event (min. 200 participants)
- To be covered by media
- To be turned into an annual intercultural event



## How it works

1. Digital Storytelling contest for students (WP3)
2. 36 winners sent to Student Boot Camp
  - Summer of 2020 in Bulgaria
3. Camp graduates establish and co-manage FRIENDS Teahouses
4. Set the framework: Home Away from Home, Calendar
5. Cultural Festival: Teahouse opening event

# Member Contributions

- Participate in Boot Camp (3 students / PC HEI)
- Participate in Staff Retreat
- Embed the Home Away from Home Programme
- Set up a FRIENDS Teahouse
- Hold a festival
- Collect evidence and documentation
- Submit reports

## WP4 Inputs

- Staff time: 1300 workdays
- 36 student mobilities
- 31 staff mobilities
- equipment (total)
  - 24 desk computers
  - 36 laptops
  - 60 MS Office licenses
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# Progress Indicators

1. 12 FRIENDS Teahouses established
2. 12 PC HEIs to adopt a Home away from Home Programme
3. Level of satisfaction among Staff Retreat participants at least 75%
4. Level of satisfaction from target users at least 75%
5. Level of satisfaction among Festival participants at least 75%





## After the project

- Teahouses: self-sustained beyond the project's lifetime
- Continue functioning as an international social hub
- Opening festival turns into annual multicultural event



Thank you!



1. How to put WP4 activities in local context?
2. What would be advisable to ensure the successful outcome of the work package?
3. Potential issues, risks: how to mitigate them ahead of time?
4. How to ensure timely completion of the work package?
5. How to ensure correct evidence collection?

## Discussion Topics

# Student boot camp

- Time for students to go to Bulgaria. When is it gonna be a suitable time for students?  
Started from mid-June or Mid July? It depends on the teaching period.
- The students who are going to Bulgaria are the qualified one.
  - Students have to be a full time student
  - Students can communicate in English well
  - Credits can be transferred if the modules provided by the boot camp are related to the program of the home institution. How to make credits from each Uni compatible?
- Visa issue (make sure you can get the visa in time)

## Staff retreat

- We need to have the agenda and activity for this event
- Who is gonna be a leader of a team-building activity?

## Friends Teahouses

- Ensure that you are able to get a room from your Uni.
- How to make it be sustainable? Could be a official unit of Uni?
- How to promote the Friends Teahouses? (education fare, conference, or other media)
- Since we have to buy many equipment, ensure that it fits to your tendering or purchasing system of the Uni and also ensure that such equipment is useful for FRIENDS project.
- The specs of the equipment can be changed.
- VAT exemption ; keep in mind that VAT cannot be reimbursed.

## FRIENDS festival

- Agenda (We should have agenda in advance so we know what to do in this event)
- How to make it interesting, not boring?
- How to promote this opening event to the public?
- Since we need at least 200 participants, we may need some strategies to ensure that we can reach this goal.