Dear interested parties in improving learning environments,

The transformation of learning environments in the context of societal changes and technological trends is an increasing challenge. Especially in higher education, the role of informal learning spaces is changing. To address some recent developments, the NIILS consortium is organising a two-day event with a conference and excursion in Austria, in June 2024.

This will also be the final event of the NIILS project, an Erasmus+ project across 5 European countries, which explores innovative and inclusive approaches for the future development of learning environments in higher education from the perspective of different disciplines and European regions.

In cooperation with UniNETZ beWEGt we invite you to take the opportunity and discuss with experts and stakeholders the various challenges and solutions related to the design, provision and use of inclusive, innovative and sustainable learning environments through workshops, walkshops and excursions.

We look forward to welcoming you to our international conference.

The NIILS Team
Day 1: 20 June 2024 | Conference
University for Continuing Education Krems
Dr.-Karl-Dorrek-Straße 30, 3500 Krems, Austria

The conference is designed as a hybrid event. Online participation will be possible for sessions marked as hybrid.

09:30 a.m. Registration
(CEST) Foyer of the Audimax at Campus Krems

10:00 a.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks
Audimax hybrid
Stefan Oppl, Dean of the Faculty of Education, Arts and Architecture & Christina Ipser, NIILS Project Coordinator, University for Continuing Education Krems, Austria
Moderation: Tania Berger, University for Continuing Education Krems

10:15 a.m. Keynote: Transformation of Learning Environments
Audimax hybrid
Benjamin Cleveland, Learning Environments Applied Research Network (LEARN), Faculty of Architecture, Building and Planning, University of Melbourne, Australia

10:45 a.m. “New Approaches for Inclusive Informal Learning Spaces”
Getting to Know the NIILS Project
Audimax hybrid
Christina Ipser & Gregor Radinger, University for Continuing Education Krems, Austria

10:55 a.m. The Role of Informal Learning Spaces in Higher Education: Key Findings from a Multidisciplinary Perspective
Audimax hybrid
Insight I: Stakeholder Perspectives on Inclusive Informal Learning Spaces in Higher Education
Filiz Keser Aschenberger & Sonja Brachtl, University for Continuing Education Krems, Austria

Insight II: The Impact of Informal Learning Spaces on Students Experiences and Strategies to Support User Needs
Katja Ninnemann, Jennifer Schneidt, Hochschule für Technik und Wirtschaft Berlin & Susanne Geister, Harz University of Applied Sciences, Germany

11:00 a.m. Coffee Break at the Audimax Foyer

11:40 a.m. Promoting Inclusive Informal Learning Spaces: Approaches and Strategies Considering Diverse Stakeholder Groups
Audimax hybrid
Insight III: Promoting Informal Learning Spaces with Digital Mapping
Tommaso Empler & Adriana Caldarone, Sapienza University of Rome, Italy

Insight IV: Creation of Learning Communities to Support Informal Learning Spaces
Gintaré Gulevičiūtė & Monika Mačiulienė, Mykolas Romeris University Vilnius, Lithuania

Insight V: Recommendations and Guidelines to Promote Inclusive and Supportive Informal Learning Spaces
Evrim Çetinkaya Yıldız, Akdeniz University Antalya, Turkey
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12:20 a.m. **Parallel Workshops**

**WS1a:** Poster Walk: Inclusive Informal Learning Spaces in Higher Education
*Audimax Mural*
Posters presented by the **NIILS Project Consortium & Noella Edelmann**, University for Continuing Education Krems, Austria

**WS1b:** UniNETZ beWEGt Walkshop: Reflection on the NIILS Key Results and Findings on a Walk at the Campus
*Meeting Point Audimax Foyer*
**Franziska Allerberger**, University of Innsbruck, Department of Geography & **Eva-Maria Holzinger**, University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences Vienna, Centre for Global Change and Sustainability, Austria

1:00 p.m. **Lunch Break at the Audimax Foyer**

2:00 p.m. **Parallel Workshops**

**WS2a:** InnoTELL: An Innovation Laboratory for Designing and Testing New Teaching and Learning Scenarios
*Audimax*
**Tobias Ley, Marlene Wagner & Gerti Pishtari**, Center for Digitalisation in Lifelong Learning, University for Continuing Education Krems, Austria

**WS2b:** UniNETZ beWEGt Pop-up Walk- and Workshop: Biodiversity at the Campus
*Entrance of the Audimax*
**Christine Rottenbacher & Stefanie Kotrba**, Department for Building and Environment, University for Continuing Education Krems, Austria

3:15 p.m. **Coffee Break at the Audimax Foyer**

3:45 p.m. **Parallel Workshops**

**WS3a:** Walkshop & Campus Tour: Informal Learning Spaces at the Campus Krems
*Audimax*
**NIILS Project Consortium**

**WS3b:** UniNETZ beWEGt Pop-up Walk- & Workshop: Explorative Learning in University and School Gardens
*Entrance of the Audimax*
**Stefanie Preiml**, Department of Instructional and School Development, University of Klagenfurt & **Mira Simon**, forum n; UniNETZ SP IV; Austria

4:45 p.m. **Closing Note at the Audimax**

5:00 p.m. **Get Together**

**[5:00 p.m. Entrance of the Audimax]**
Internal UniNETZ beWEGt Walk- & Workshop for UniNETZ Members in German Language: Informelle Lernräume und Biodiversität am Campus
**Franziska Allerberger & Eva-Maria Holzinger**

It is intended to hold the conference according to the guidelines of the Ecolabel for Green Meetings and Green Events.
Day 2: 21 June 2024 | **Excursion**  
Excursions to informal learning spaces in Vienna  
(limited number of participants)

8:45 a.m. **Individual Arrival at BOKU Vienna**

9:00 a.m. **Excursion: Informal Learning Spaces at BOKU**  
*University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna, Austria*

11:00 a.m. **Break & Individual Travel to WU Vienna**

12:00 a.m. **Excursion: Informal Learning Spaces at WU**  
*Vienna University of Economics and Business, Austria*

1:30 p.m. **Goodbye and Closing of the Event**

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