

International Summer Convention 2025

25.08.2025 - 29.08.2025

Fachhochschule Dortmund - University of Applied Sciences and Arts
Locations: Sonnenstr. 96 (SON 96) & Kostbar, Emil-Figge-Str. 40a (EFS 40a)

The **International Summer Convention 2025 (ISC 2025)** activities will be a mix of different workshops, research talks, and meetings. and is aimed at the teachers, lecturers, trainers, and academic staff who are working with international projects (not only related to Fachhochschule Dortmund). The training week is covering such topics as:

- Intercultural training
- Research presentations
- Workshop on the Cross-border projects
- Workshop on processes in the International Office
- Train the Trainer courses
- and the series of Project meetings.

We are also working on giving you the opportunity to exchange experience, see what is happening in our many other projects, talk to the different faculties and find new opportunities for your universities.

The event is held with the support of such projects as Erasmus+ KA220-HED NomadTrail, DAAD SusProLab, DAAD InduTwin@Scale, Erasmus+ CBHE ComplIT, Erasmus+ KA171 and DAAD Eastern Partnership projects.

Participation is **free of charge** and the language of the event is **English**.

Please check the <https://go-study-europe.de/veranstaltungen/welcome-to-the-international-summer-convention-2025-isc-2025/> for more details and the event programme.

Important! The **ISC 2025** is taking place on **different campuses** of the Fachhochschule Dortmund - University of Applied Sciences and Arts.

Monday, 25.08 – Tuesday, 26.08 Thursday, 28.08 – Friday, 29.08	<u>Sonnenstr. 96 (SON 96)</u>
Wednesday, 27.08	<u>Kostbar, Emil-Figge-Str. 40a (EFS 40a)</u>

Preliminary Programme

Locations: Mon, 25.08 – Tue, 26.08 and Thu, 28.08 – Fri, 29.08: [Sonnenstr. 96 \(SON 96\)](#)
Wed, 27.08: [Kostbar, Emil-Figge-Str. 40a \(EFS 40a\)](#)

Time	Activities & Description
Monday, 25.08 (SON 96)	
09:00-10:00	Welcome Coffee & Registration Arrival to the venue. Sonnenstraße 96, 44139 Dortmund
10:00-12:30	Welcome Workshop <i>by Gerrida Vorster</i> An interactive session designed to break the ice and build connections among International Summer Conference participants. Through engaging intercultural discussions and collaborative activities, attendees will explore diverse perspectives, discover common ground, and establish a foundation of mutual understanding. The aim of the workshop is to create an environment for participants to connect and set a positive tone for the week ahead.
12:30-13:30	Lunch
13:30-16:00	Lab Tour Guided tour through the laboratories of the Department of Mechanical Engineering and the Department of Information Technology. <i>Parallel</i> Project Meetings (Kick Off UA4PIM) Consortium meetings of the individual projects. These meetings are only for the partners of the indicated project.
16:45-18:30	Guided tour of Borussia Dortmund Soccer Team's Stadium All participants are invited to the guided tour of Borussia Dortmund Soccer Team's Stadium. We only require you to register for the tour via the registration portal so that we can finish the organisational matters. Location: Strobiallee 50, 44139 Dortmund Meeting Point: Strobiallee 54, 44139 Dortmund (in front of BVB-Fanwelt)

Tuesday, 26.08 (SON 96)	
09:00-13:00	<p>International Strategy Workshop: From Paper to Practice <i>by the International Office</i></p> <p>Compare international strategies and share best practices for putting strategic goals into practice. Discuss different real-life scenarios, identify bottlenecks and enablers, and create your own action plan. This workshop is particularly aimed at representatives of international offices and program/project coordinators of international projects.</p> <p><i>Parallel</i></p> <p>Workshop on Project Based Learning by Gerrida Vorster, Miguel Angel Sanchez Lopez, Blanca Callejas, Pablo Boza Torrejon</p> <p>An interactive session for educators, lecturers and those who facilitate workshops. Together, participants explore project-based learning approaches. Participants will discuss PBL fundamentals and experience practical group work activities that demonstrate key principles in action.</p>
13:00-14:00	Lunch
14:00-16:00	<p>Project Meetings (InduTwin@scale)</p> <p>Consortium meetings of the individual projects. These meetings are only for the partners of the indicated project.</p>
16:00-17:00	<p>Project Meetings (CompliT)</p> <p>Consortium meetings of the individual projects. These meetings are only for the partners of the indicated project.</p>
17:30 - open end	<p>Visiting KiU</p> <p>All participants are invited to the StoryLab kiU. It will be a social event, visiting an exhibition, snacks and drinks on the rooftop with a beautiful view over the city</p> <p>Location & Meeting Point: Leonie-Reygers-Terrasse, 44137 Dortmund</p>

Wednesday, 27.08	
Different location: Kostbar, Emil-Figge-Str. 40a (EFS 40a)	
09:30-12:00	Poster Exhibition & Meeting the Rectorate Various deans and heads of degree programs are on site to discuss opportunities for cooperation in the individual areas. There is a possibility to make a poster of your university and its activities. The event is organised like a market where people can move around and talk to the presenters of posters etc.
12:00-13:30	Lunch
13:30-16:00	Welcome Ceremony Festive welcome for all participants of the International Summer Convention. Participants will be given the opportunity not only to introduce their universities in front of a very diverse audience, but also to see the relations that the universities have within different international projects and maybe the future collaboration points after this activity.
16:00 - open end	Event BBQ All participants are invited to enjoy joint BBQ to further enhance the networking in more informal environment. Location: Fachhochschule Dortmund, Emil-Figge-Str. 40a (EFS 40a, 44227 Dortmund) In front of Kostbar

Thursday, 28.08 (SON 96)	
09:00-12:30	Research presentations Discussion, feedback and cooperation. This program item is intended to give all participants the opportunity to present current research projects. We offer the registered participants to present their current research during the session called "Research Talks".
12:30-13:30	Lunch

<p>13:30-16:00</p>	<p>Train the Trainer Session on Artificial Intelligence <i>by Gerrida Vorster, Miguel Angel Sanchez Lopez, Blanca Callejas, Pablo Boza Torrejon</i></p> <p>The session explores modern learning approaches for digital-native students. We look into Gen Z/Gen Alpha mindsets, the TikTok Generation and integrating AI and teacher tech tools in educational settings and taking responsibility for adapting our teaching environments to meet their needs.</p> <p><i>Parallel</i></p> <p>Project Meetings (NomadTrail)</p> <p>Consortium meetings of the individual projects. These meetings are only for the partners of the indicated project.</p> <p><i>Parallel</i></p> <p>Open PhD Colloquium <i>by Jan Christoph Albrecht, PhD</i></p> <p>This is an open PhD colloquium/workshop for PhD students from management research/social sciences research. Interested persons - regardless of the stage of their research project - are invited to join Prof. Albrecht's team either by providing insights into their PhD project (10...15 min presentation slots) or by just actively participating in the discussions. Prof. Albrecht is a project management lecturer at Dortmund University of Applied Sciences and Arts' Faculty of Business Studies and co-director of the European Master in Project Management master programme. Places are limited and application is required; please email Prof. Albrecht at jan.albrecht@fh-dortmund.de by Wednesday, Aug 20th, latest.</p>
<p>19:00 – open end</p>	<p>Event Dinner</p> <p>Location: Pfefferkorn, Hafenpromenade 1-2, 44263 Dortmund</p> <p>All participants are invited to the Event Dinner. We only require you to register for the dinner via the registration portal so that we can finish the organisational matters.</p>

Friday, 29.08 (SON 96)	
09:00-10:30	<p>Workshop on International Meetings <i>by Henri de Jongste, PhD</i></p> <p>In this workshop, we will discuss the need to train students in intercultural meetings skills. We will analyse the role of culture in meeting styles, discuss challenges of intercultural communication in meetings, and ask how we can design formats that optimise the chance of success.</p>
10:30-12:30	<p>Workshop on how to run Cross-border Projects <i>by Carsten Wolff, PhD</i></p> <p>International projects in higher education are one of the most important tools to foster deeper and more sustainable cooperation among universities. During the ISC 2024, most of the partners join based on an ongoing cooperation in international projects, e.g. funded by Erasmus+ or by DAAD. Meanwhile, a body of methods and best practices has evolved on how to apply for such projects and how to run them successfully. Within our consortia, we started to compile guidelines and collect tools.</p> <p>The goal of the workshop is to introduce and systemise these methods and best practices. Participants are expected to contribute their experiences and ideas. The workshop has two immediate goals: 1) we want to compile a methods handbook for international cooperation projects, and 2) we want to initiate new funding applications for the future of our partnerships and consortia.</p> <p>Project-based learning is a common didactic format in higher education. The workshop will dive into the methods for conducting projects with students from different countries, participating on-site (e.g. in a summer school) or in a virtual setting. This format borrows ideas from (COIL). In the international networks of Fachhochschule Dortmund, we conduct such (virtual) cross-border projects for many years.</p>
12:30-13:30	Lunch & Official Goodbye