

# NEWSLETTER

# ZWW INTERNATIONAL



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Dear Readers,

Welcome to our first *Newsletter ZWW International* which will inform you about our international activities and projects. We cordially invite you to subscribe to stay up to date with all upcoming events and important news.

The Center for Lifelong Learning (ZWW) is a central facility and responsible for lifelong learning at Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz (JGU). The center manages more than 360 seminars and conferences on a wide range of different topics every year. For almost 20 years the ZWW has been working beyond national borders in a number of international projects on different topics. You can read about our past projects [HERE](#).

## ABOUT OUR CURRENT INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS:



Funded by  
the European Union

We are currently coordinating 3 Erasmus+ projects in the field of Higher Education and Adult Education.

These projects have started at the end of 2023, with the main goal of improving accessibility, development, and digitization of international adult education. In the projects we are accompanied by partners from various European countries. All projects are EU-funded.



### ***AI in Language Teaching***

*Artificial Intelligence in Adult Education and Self-Learning:  
Providing personalized and adaptive learning experiences  
with emphasis on language learning*

This project's main goal is to raise awareness and motivation for teaching and learning opportunities with AI-technologies. The project will familiarize teachers and self-learners with the advantages of AI-supported learning and encourage them to create more engaging and interactive learning experiences by using AI technologies such as speech recognition, machine translation, and natural language processing.

01.10.2023 - 31.03.2026

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### **Food Includes**

#### ***FOOD includes***

*Reaching, recruiting, and engaging excluded learners by harnessing the power of food*

FOOD includes will develop food-based training initiatives in the sense of an "outreach pedagogy," to reach, recruit, and engage traditionally excluded or non-interested learners by way of creating an open, explorative, and cooperative learning environment, where learning is viewed as a shared adventure.

01.12.2023 - 30.11.2026

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#### ***Stories4all***

Developing methods and tools for teachers to integrate digital storytelling in teaching activities to address the need for inclusive educational interventions

The combination of digital storytelling and educational objectives has the potential to improve social interaction in the classroom by providing all students with opportunities for personal and creative expression in a relaxed and playful setting. In particular, this method, offers marginalized groups a chance to actively participate and increase their cultural and linguistic awareness.

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### **Further international activities:**

#### **Annually Summer School taking place in August**

#### **FORTHEM**

#### **Students from all over the world participated in JGUs Summer School coordinated by JGU**

#### **FORTHEM University Lifelong Learning Network**

On August 5, 2024, the JGU has opened its doors again to welcome 35 international students, spending their summer at JGU to learn German. Over the last three weeks, they participated in daily German-language courses offered for all levels complemented by various activities in the afternoon such as excursions and cultural studies.

The FORTHEM University Lifelong Learning (FULL) network, established within the FORTHEM Alliance, provides lifelong learning opportunities such as tandem courses for employees, organizations and interested people of all ages. FORTHEM partner universities from France, Poland, Spain, Italy, Latvia, Finland, Romania and Norway are engaged.

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We are looking for your expertise

## Orientation Day Food Includes 20.09.2024



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Für die Erstellung von Open Educational Resources (OER) im Rahmen unseres Erasmus+ Projekts FOOD Includes suchen wir 10 Expert\*innen aus Deutschland, die uns ehrenamtlich mit ihrem Feedback bei der Erstellung von verschiedenen Kursinhalten zum Thema „Lernen mit Lebensmittel“ begleiten.

Zeitraum: Gelegentlich zwischen Oktober 2024 und September 2025

***Haben Sie Erfahrung im Bereich der aufsuchenden Bildungsarbeit und/oder in der Durchführung von Lebensmittelprojekten?***

Dann freuen wir uns über ihre Anmeldung zum Food Includes Orientation Day per Email an [projects@zww.uni-mainz.de](mailto:projects@zww.uni-mainz.de)

## Forecast Newsletter No 2

In the next newsletter, we will focus on three central projects that will further advance our international exchange and the promotion of lifelong learning:

**Intercultural Trainings:** We will present our Intercultural Training Courses, which are offered to institutions, teams or classes, both in the university context and in other areas of work.

**UNESCO-Project:** We are glad to give you an insight into our newly launched UNESCO research project which is conducted as part of a second agreement with the Shanghai Open University (SOU). The project focuses on intergenerational learning at universities worldwide.

Among other things, JGU supports mobility programs in the area of language tandems between Germany, France and Spain. Our new mobility project will start in September 2024 which will enable Elder Learners (primarily 50+ but also other interested people) to engage in online exchanges and on-site excursions with native speakers at the partner universities abroad.



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