



In cooperation with
UniNETZ beWEGt

International Conference: „Transformation of Learning Environments – Innovative and Inclusive Approaches”

20 and 21 June 2024

University for Continuing Education Krems, Austria

NIILS: New Approaches for Inclusive Informal Learning Spaces

Invitation

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



Conference registration is open until 16th June 2024
www.donau-uni.ac.at/niils-conference



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

11:20 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 Emler & Adriana Caldarone, Sapienza University of Rome, Italy

Insight IV: Creation of Learning Communities to Support Informal Learning Spaces

Gintarė Gulevičiūtė & Monika Mačiulienė, Mykolas Romeris University Vilnius, Lithuania

Insight V: Recommendations and Guidelines to Promote Inclusive and Supportive Informal Learning Spaces

Evrin 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. **Internal UniNEtZ beWEGt Walk- & Workshop for UniNEtZ Members**

Entrance of the Audimax 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**

Address BOKU Vienna:

University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna
Gregor-Mendel-Straße 33
1180 Vienna

Address WU Vienna:

Vienna University of Economics and Business
Welthandelsplatz 1
1020 Wien