

Co-creating tools to support talented students

CoTalent Workshop at UAIC in Iasi (Romania) brings together teachers, students and experts from around Europe

Not all students in European higher education are sufficiently challenged. But we live in a time that Europe simply cannot afford to waste talent. The CoTalent project aims to provide teachers in European higher education with tools to stimulate their talented students. From 8-12 July, a group of 12 teachers, 12 students and six experts from the eight CoTalent partner institutions come together to co-create these tools, hosted by Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi (UAIC) in Romania.

What will happen

The workshop is part of the EU-funded CoTalent project, in which teachers and talented students from six European countries work together to learn and collaborate on different themes related to talent development and honors education. During the week, participants work on the following:

1. Developing videos in which practical strategies to work with talented students are presented. The videos are based on the three pillars of honors pedagogies: creating community, engendering academic competences and offering freedom. Finished videos will be presented online in the CoTalent e-library.
2. Refining the instruments MeTalent Mirror (an instrument for teachers to self-evaluate their views towards talent development) and YouTalent Spotter (an instrument to spot talented students). First versions of these instruments will be discussed and further developed with the participants.
3. Developing a user-friendly website where all the products are presented, with teachers as main audience. All products together form the CoTalent Wizard.

Host and opening ceremony

The CoTalent workshop is hosted by Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi (UAIC), the Romanian partner in the CoTalent project. UAIC works together with the other universities in Iasi in organizing the workshop, with the Technical University (TU) and the University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine (USAMV) of Iasi both acting as co-host.

The CoTalent Workshop will kick off on Monday 8 July from 9-11 am with an opening ceremony at the Old Magna Aula (TU of Iasi). This will consist of a welcome by UAIC's and Psychology & Education Faculty's leadership and an Introductory conference on the Honors community concept and CoTalent project overview. Keynote speaker will be Prof. PhD Marca Wolfensberger (President of European Honors Council and CoTalent project leader).

Participants

The participating students and teachers will represent a diversity of backgrounds, coming from different countries and from various schools and faculties. The CoTalent project partners are Hanze University of Applied Sciences (Groningen, the Netherlands), The International Centre for the Study of Giftedness (ICBF) at the University of Muenster (Muenster, Germany), University College Copenhagen (Copenhagen, Denmark), The Austrian Research and Support Centre for the Gifted and Talented (Salzburg, Austria), The University of Antwerp (Antwerp, Belgium), The University Alexandru Ioan Cuza of Iasi (Iasi, Romania), Rotterdam University of Applied Sciences (Rotterdam, the Netherlands), Utrecht University (Utrecht, the Netherlands) and the European Honors Council, a Europe-wide network uniting people involved in talent as associate partner.

The CoTalent Workshop is held from Monday 8 July – Friday 12 July 2019. A program is attached. More info on the project can be found at www.cotalentwizard.eu

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