



GREETINGS

from the President of the Schleswig-Holstein Parliament

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Dear teachers and project organisers,

The world around us has changed dramatically over the last two decades. The end of political barriers, new communication technologies and the recent developments in all areas of our life – including the means of transport – has accelerated in all societies.

As Europeans, we cooperate as well as compete with people from other parts in the world in real time – our partners and competitors are not only at our borders anymore, but they are all over the globe, wherever we want to find them. The consequence: The world has become a global village.

The European Union has grown. It has gained fascinating, exciting new member states with friendly people. Nations, peoples, neighbours and friends, who get to know and understand each other better as time goes on.

But this coexistence, the exchange of experiences and knowledge with similar, yet different cultures and societies with their values has to be guided. The European teacher-training project **INCLU-DEME** is the best example for this process of getting acquainted and getting to understanding each other.

Young teachers from Spain, Belgium, The Netherlands, Lithuania, Estonia and Germany do part of their teacher training at schools in one of the participating countries, preferably where they speak the native tongue. The teacher trainees are guided and supported by committed local teachers and highly qualified pedagogues of renowned scientific institutes in these countries.



They learn from and about each other, especially while co-teaching in classes, because each and every young teacher is at the same time a wonderful ambassador for their own country.

The shared values and the knowledge thereof, the acknowledgement as well as the conscious acceptance of the cultural differences and the resulting diversity in behaviour are the basis for the collective European house with all its different cultural windows.

The strength of Europe is its federal, vibrant diversity. It is rooted in the knowledge, the skill, and the creativity of its citizens. The teacher-training project **INCLUDEME**, with its international internships and its opportunities for a new generation of teachers to meet each other, will contribute greatly to a friendly community of the European people.

I offer my congratulations to your successful initiative and hope your work will be as productive as it has been so far – in our interest and the interest of our Europe.

Martin Kayenburg

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