

BIP “The decolonial question in social work”

At Ocellia Valence (France)

In partnership with University of Applied Sciences Erfurt (Germany)

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A number of European countries are currently being asked to consider their history of colonialism and slavery. The questions raised by social sciences and civil society are influencing social work. With this in mind, we think it is important to propose an educational project to develop a decolonial and non-discriminatory approach in social work.

During this week, we will learn about some aspects of the history and memories of colonisation in different European countries. The dynamics of racism today in Europe, rooted in this past, will be discussed. Through field visits, the issues of (anti-) discrimination in the context of social work will be highlighted. Finally, in workshops, the reflection on our own professional values in that regard will take place. The aim will be to identify key points and action levers for social intervention that take decolonial issues into account.

Modalities

- A face-to-face week: 28 hours. From Monday 2nd June to Friday 6th June 2025
- 2 online meetings (2 hours each – before and after the week)
- 3 ECTS
- This Blended Intensive Programme (BIP) is funded by Erasmus+. You will get an allowance. The trip to France and back and your accommodation will be self-organised. However, there will be exchange about the possible options within our group.
- max. eight students from FHE

Tasks for the week

Collectively: Report of the training week – collective point of view (3 pages)

- What and how did you learn?
- Where do you see an added value for yourself, as future social workers, or a social added value?
- What are you able to identify collectively about what is important for service users in receiving support?

Individually: (1 page)

- What will you take into the future as a social worker?

Application via a motivational letter (one page, in English, pdf-format; stating also study programme, semester) email to Prof. Christine Rehklau till December 31st 2024.