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Call for students!

Do you want to have more experience in how to cocreate in an international and multidisciplinary team? Do you want the opportunity to visit new exiting places and grow your personal and professional network? If you do, take a moment and check this out!

We are looking for 8 students from any of the Centria' s degree programs, to join our FII;)CA project event in Kokkola 9.-14.5.2024!



Introducing 'FII;)CA,' inspired by the Swedish 'fika' tradition. We're an ERASMUS+ project with a unique focus: answering the question, 'How do you enjoy virtual coffee?' While you can't sip a virtual cup, we'll show you how to recreate the essence of 'fika' in the virtual realm. We explore social virtual reality platforms, uncover their functionalities and constraints, and guide students in designing purposeful scenarios and virtual spaces for social activities in VR. If you're curious about the future of social interactions in the digital world, let's chat further!

The FII;)CA project is organized within an ERASMUS+ strategic partnership, bringing together 40 students and 10 mentors from five universities located in Finland, Portugal, Spain, Belgium and Slovenia. During the event, students will form small groups, and each team will create a scenario about the theme at hand. The students will be supported by both internal and external mentors and experts during the event.

For more information about the project, visit the preliminary website:

<https://sites.google.com/view/fiica/>

During the event

While working towards the common goal, during the event you will learn and gain valuable experience for your future career, such as:

- Experience on SVR – Social Virtual Reality
- Multicultural and multidisciplinary teamwork
- Project work, leadership and task management
- Critical thinking, communication, presentation of ideas, creativity and problem solving
- Communications skills in English (the working language in the project is English)

The theme of the Kokkola event is relaxing, and that is the theme of the work as well.

Each group will include students representing different nationalities and different fields of study. The core of the work is that they complement each other's skills. Students from technology departments will provide the technological know-how, whereas students from other departments such as business, will offer their skills and expertise in areas such as team leading, research, business, visualization, or nursing students could show their skills in the theme of the event, etc. **We warmly encourage multidisciplinary collaboration and welcome students from all our departments to apply!**

Financing, participation and application process

The project in Kokkola does not cost Centria students extra, but you do have to cover normal expenses, such as coffees and snacks, as you would on regular school days.

The event participation is worth of 3 ECTS which will be allocated to the group of elective courses. For 3 study credits students need to work actively before the event for the preliminary assignment, on the project during the event, document your experience and learning and provide report and present it after the event.

As we are the host city, students are also expected to spend time with the students from other countries, come up with and host events during the evenings. These could include but are not limited to karaoke nights, going to the beach, city tour, etc.

Preliminary assignment

Before the actual event, there's a small assignment, which is done **as a team and with the teachers**. **The deadline for these assignments is 29.4.2024.**

Part 1: your institute

This involves creating one or more 3D spaces in Mozilla Hubs, representing your current school. An example can be found at the provided link, which is a 3D representation of an AP college campus:
<https://hubs.mozilla.com/A4csBfB/ap-hub/>

Part 2: relaxation

Part two requires the development of five "relaxation" themed scenarios in a 3D space in Mozilla Hubs involving multiple participants. Your task is to write down the scenario, incorporating relevant images and/or sketches, following the structure given on the web page.

More details of the assignments at <https://sites.google.com/view/fiica/assignment>

Why apply?

During the project, you will form international connections and friendships. You will also learn new skills in a fast-paced environment, a crucial work life skill for the future.

Also, as the project contains several universities from several countries, **participating in the Kokkola event will give you a better opportunity to participate in the next project in the spring of 2025**: In Málaga, Spain. Those participating in the Kokkola event will receive priority in that project over other applicants.

How to apply?

You can apply if:

- You are at least second year student or have at least 50 ECTS.
- You are committed to working in the project 9.-14.5.2024 in Kokkola
- Are ready to do preliminary tasks before the event

For the application, send us a free application as an email attachment. It can be in written form or a video. Include in the application

- Who are you,
- What do you study, and what is your expertise?
- Why should we choose you, what would you bring to the team during the event?
- Your study record along with the application

We will start the selection process immediately as suitable candidates come in, as the deadline for the preliminary exercises is 29.4. and thus, need to be started as soon as possible. We reserve the right to select students based on their skills and applications, or first-come-first-serve basis, if there are many suitable applicants early.

Use your Centria e-mail! We will not accept other emails as form of communication. Send an e-mail including your contact info, study record and the application to the FII;)CA team e-mails: heikki.ahonen@centria.fi; johanna.hautamaki@centria.fi;

Deadline for applications is on Sunday 14.4.2024 at 17:00. Late applications are not accepted.

We will notify the applicants on Monday 15.4.2024 at the latest, if you are accepted/ waitlisted/ declined. We can also notify earlier for the acceptance, if enough students apply early.

For the accepted, participation needs to be confirmed by Wednesday 17.4.2024 at 15.00 (notice again the quick deadline).

For possible questions on the applications or the project can be asked via email from the FII;)CA project team.

Everyone is warmly welcome to apply to the project! Hope to see you in Kokkola!

Sincerely,

FII;)CA project team