



1st CDS Training

**‘Transforming Higher Education through
Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL) and (Community) Service Learning.’**

5-6 October 2021

On behalf of the AURORA alliance, we are pleased to invite you to the 1st Capacity Development Support (CDS) Training event organised by the South-West University ‘Neofit Rilski’, Bulgaria, in collaboration with the Aurora CDS Task Team at Palacky University and Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. The two-day training event will take place in **hybrid format**:

- **online** via [Zoom Link](#)
- **face-to-face** at [South-West University Centre in Bachinovo](#)

This event is part of a series of six awareness raising and training sessions organised in the framework of the Aurora CDS Programme. The aim of these events is twofold:

- 1) strengthen the capacity of the Aurora associate partner universities in key innovative domains of internationalization and social engagement; and
- 2) support them in establishing regional hubs for sharing best practices emerging from the experiences of the Aurora Alliance and the broader CDS Network.

In this first Aurora CDS Training event, the associate partner universities and representative of the broader CDS Network will gain deeper insight and discuss joint collaboration on two Aurora outputs deemed to be of high relevance by the involved universities in Central-Eastern Europe and Neighbouring Countries: **Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL) and (Community) Service Learning**.

The event is open to academic and non-academic staff of the Associate university partners and members of the broader CDS Network involved in teaching, students’ mobility, internationalization of study programmes and university social engagement.

The training sessions will be video-recorded at the benefit of those who will not be able to attend. They will be made available in the AURORA-CDS virtual catalogue.

The registration for the online participants is open until Monday 4th October (12.00 CEST)

via the [ONLINE FORM](#)



Training Programme

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Zoom link: <https://cesnet.zoom.us/j/97324942107>

Meeting ID: 973 2494 2107

DAY 1: Tuesday, 5th OCTOBER

Time (CEST)	Agenda	Speakers and Topic
09:30-09:45	▲ OPENING	▲ <i>Welcome and Introduction to the training</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opening by South-West University vice-rector for internationalization• Aurora European Universities Alliance (Sabine Allain-Saint-Rose, Aurora Programme Director, VU)• Capacity Development Support Programme and overview of training programme (Selma Porobić, Tereza Kalouskova, Sabina Di Prima, CDS Co-leaders, UP & VU)
09:45-10:00 (8:45 in NL)	▲ AURORA EXPERT SHARING	▲ <i>Presentation 1</i> Introduction to Service Learning & pre-announcement of AURORA co-creation event (Marjolein Zweekhorst, VU)
10:00-11:00 (9:00 in NL)	▲ AURORA EXPERT SHARING	▲ <i>Presentation 2</i> Service Learning: state-of-the art and introduction to the AURORA Service Learning toolbox (Marjolein Zweekhorst and Sarju Sing Rai, VU)
11:00-11:15	▲ <i>Coffee break</i>	
11:15-12:00 (10:15 in CET)	▲ AURORA EXPERT SHARING	▲ <i>Presentation 3</i> Service Learning in practice: experiences from Palacky University (Natasha Matulayova, UP)
12:00-12:45	▲ REFLECTION & SHARING	▲ <i>Break out sessions</i> Contextualisation of Service Learning knowledge and experience (Selma Porobić, Tereza Kalouskova, Sabina Di Prima, UP & VU)
12:45-13:45	▲ <i>Lunch break</i>	



13:45-14:30 (12:45 in NL)	▲ PLENARY SESSION	▲ <i>Group work presentations and discussion</i> (Selma Porobić, Tereza Kalouskova, UP; Sabina Di Prima and Sarju Sing Rai, VU)
14:30-15:00	▲ CLOSURE	▲ <i>Feedback and Reflection</i> (all) ▲ <i>Wrap-up and Concluding remarks</i> (Sabine, Selma, Tereza, Sabina)

DAY 2: WEDNESDAY, 6 th OCTOBER		
Time (CEST)	Agenda	Speakers and Topic
09:00-09:30	▲ OPENING	▲ <i>Welcome and Introduction to the Day</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Aurora European Universities Alliance (Sabine Allain-Saint-Rose, Aurora Programme Director, VU)• CDS Programme (Selma Porobić, UP)• Learning for Societal Impact and “The why of COIL in the Aurora Program” (Sabine Allain-Saint-Rose)
09:30-10:20 (8:30 in ES)	▲ AURORA EXPERT SHARING	▲ <i>Presentation 1: Institutional Context for COIL</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Internationalisation of Curricula & Internationalisation at Home (Marina Casals, University Rovira i Virgili, Spain)• Soft Skills For the 21st Century & Institutional perspective (John Style, University Rovira i Virgili, Spain)
10:20-11:00 (9:20 in ES)	▲ REFLECTION AND SHARING	▲ <i>Break out session: Benefits of COIL for Teachers, Students, Institutions (Marina Vives, University Rovira i Virgili, Spain)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction to COIL & Group work<ul style="list-style-type: none">– on-site groups (Sabine, Selma)– online break-out rooms (Tereza, Sabina)• Group presentations and reflections (5mins per group)• Concluding remarks on benefits (10 mins)
11:00-11:15	▲ <i>Coffee break</i>	
11:15-12:00 (10:20 in ES)	▲ AURORA EXPERT SHARING	▲ <i>Presentation 2: COIL Essentials</i> (Marina Vives, University Rovira i Virgili, Spain) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What is COIL• Terminology / Various definitions• History of COIL• Elements & Characters• Q&A (15 min)



12:00-12:45	REFLECTION & SHARING 2	<p>Presentation 3: Aurora Teachers describe their COIL experiences (John Style, University Rovira i Virgili, Spain)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Best practices of COIL Course between University Rovira and Virgili• Q&A (15 mins)
12:45-13:45	Lunch break	
14:00-14:45	CO-CREATION THROUGH PLANNING AND FURTHER STEPS	<p>Planning: How to structure COIL (Marina Vives, University Rovira i Virgili, Spain)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• From an institutional perspective• From an academic perspective• Reflection and short Q&A (15 min, Sabine)
14:45-16:00		<p>Group work and mapping</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Group discussion on given questions• Interaction between groups• Group presentations (5min+5 mins discussions)
16:00-16:15	Coffee break	
16:15-17:00 (15:15 ES)	CO-CREATION THROUGH PLANNING AND FURTHER STEPS	<p>Sharing Resources (Marina Vives, University Rovira i Virgili, Spain)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How And Where to Find A Partner• When to Do a COIL• Tools for Cooperation• Intercultural Communication• Pedagogical Styles• Use of Surveys
17:00-17:15	CLOSURE	<p>Feedback and Reflection (all)</p> <p>Wrap-up and Concluding discussion (Sabine, Selma, Tereza, Sabina)</p>



Guest speakers: Community Service Learning (CSL)



Prof. Dr. Marjolein Zweekhorst

Professor and Chair - Innovation and Education in the health and life sciences. Athena Institute, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (VU)

Marjolein Zweekhorst is professor of Innovation and Education in the health and life sciences at the Athena Institute, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. She has expertise in transdisciplinary research, training and development of interdisciplinary courses, participatory research in and with society, Community Service Learning (CSL) and with Science Shops. Since 2018, she leads the CSL team of the VU aiming to implement CSL in all bachelor programs of the VU. She won the Comenius Leadership Fellowship in 2018, which aims to develop an innovative Interdisciplinary and International CSL program for all master students at the VU.



Dr. Sarju Sing Rai

Postdoctoral Researcher & Lecturer. Athena Institute, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (VU)

Sarju Sing Rai is a post-doctoral researcher and lecturer at the Athena Institute, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. He is involved in the interdisciplinary community service learning (iCSL) module, which facilitates collaboration between students from different disciplines and countries to address topics on complex societal challenges. He also teaches varied courses in health sciences. Sarju's research interest lies in transdisciplinary and participatory research in global health, with focus on health-related stigma and inequities in health.



Mgr. Nataša Matulayová PhD.

Assistant professor. Department of Christian Social Work, Palacky University Olomouc (UP)

Nataša Matulayová is an assistant professor who has 25 years of experience as a manager, an expert, a consultant and a teacher. Her areas of interest in social work are macro social work, social work with socially excluded groups, Service-Learning, volunteerism. In the field of project management, she focuses on the implementation, coordination, evaluation and monitoring of local, regional, national and international projects with a specific focus on building social capital, building partnerships, community development and strategic planning.



Guest speakers: Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL)



Sabine Allain-Sainte-Rose

Aurora Programme Director, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (VU)

Sabine Sainte-Rose is the Aurora Programme Director, overseeing the European University Alliance activities, outputs and coherence. Sabine's background is in didactics and linguistics; she started teaching French language and culture abroad in 1998 in Northern Ireland, and later trained in management and communication in the US. Now located in the Netherlands, she has worked in six different countries, being in leadership positions in Higher Education and the French diplomacy and cultural network since 2002. Sabine Sainte-Rose has developed extensive skills in project and people management, academic policy, public relations and partnership building, curriculum development and internationalisation. Since 2016, Sabine has been an elected leadership member and trainer of the European Association for International Education.



Marina Casals Sala

Director of International Relations, University Rovira i Virgili (URV)

Marina Casals is the Director of International Relations at the Universitat Rovira i Virgili in Tarragona, Spain. She is a trainer for the European Association for International Education (EAIE) and the person behind the SUCTI Project about engaging administrative staff in internationalisation (www.suctiproject.com), an Erasmus + Strategic Partnership project, which was awarded the EAIE President's Award in 2019. She has served in the leadership of the EAIE and in the Management Board of CHEI (Center for Higher Education Internationalisation at Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore in Milano), where she is now pursuing her PhD studies. She trains and presents at several conferences internationally and has been recognised with the EAIE Rising Star Award and the SGroup IMPACT Award.



John Style

Vice-rector for Internationalization, University Rovira i Virgili (URV)

John Style has been Vice-Rector for Internationalization at the Universitat Rovira i Virgili in Tarragona, Spain since May 2018. During this time, he has overseen Internationalization at Home strategies including setting up COIL training for academic staff. Abroad, a lot of his energy has gone into bringing the URV into the Aurora group of universities, and within the European Universities Aurora Alliance project he is an institutional coordinator as well as being responsible for the Aurora Institute. Graduate of University of London, with a doctorate in English Philology at the URV in 1997. He is a lecturer in contemporary British literature in the Department of English and German Studies, where he has taught B.A. courses from Anglo-Saxon literature to 21st century literature. Within the context of this teaching, he has undertaken COIL activities for the past three years, joining classes with an Aurora colleague in the University of Duisburg-Essen. He also teaches in an interuniversity Master's



course on Music and Artistic Expression, and in a Professional Translation Master, specialized in literary translation. His research areas are Contemporary British poetry and narrative, and the relationship between music and literature in Rock and Pop song lyrics. At the URV since 1994, he has been a full-time senior lecturer since 2003, and has been elected director of his department on three occasions, as well as Dean of the Faculty of Letters. He is also a semi-professional pianist and guitarist.



Marina Vives

Internacionalization at Home Coordinator, University Rovira i Virgili (URV)

Marina Vives Cabré works at the International Center of the Universitat Rovira i Virgili in Tarragona, Spain. Currently, she is the Internationalisation at Home Coordinator, with a particular focus on the Internationalisation of the curriculum and more precisely on implementing COIL throughout the whole institution. Previously, she was involved in other internationalisation aspects such as the management of staff mobility programs as well as European projects.

She studied Political Sciences at the Universitat Pompeu Fabra in Barcelona, and at Humboldt Universität in Berlin and has a Master's in Euro-Mediterranean International Relations and in Contemporary Art, a field that she also loves to explore as a text editor when she has the time.