**Erasmus+ Blended Intensive Programme organized by
the Police Academy of Lower Saxony

Presence-based part: 4 – 8 March 2024 or
 11 – 15 March 2024
Digital part: 1 day, to be announced**Dear students,

The Police Academy of Lower Saxony (Germany) is planning to host an Erasmus+ Blended Intensive Programme (BIP) of one week in length next spring. Our Police Academy consists of three different study locations (Nienburg, Oldenburg and Hann. Münden), and we are planning to hold the BIP in Hann. Münden, where we have been offering an annual international study course since 2013.

If you are keen on taking part in our BIP, please apply to the contact person designated by your institution.

Below you will find some information on our course concept:

* This BIP will provide you with the opportunity to network and exchange views with police students from across Europe. The course language used is English.
* The intended course will focus on the topic area “Police training in the times of XVR technology”, allowing for insights into policing in Lower Saxony while also inviting for cross-country comparisons. Our goal is to
* introduce you to different types of police training at our Police Academy including situational and tactical trainings
* demonstrate how XVR technology is used in our trainings,
* familiarize you with the work of the police in Lower Saxony / Germany and
* stimulate your interaction with participants from different countries.
* All active attendees will receive a certificate of participation and 3 ECTS credits.
* The course consists of two parts and all participants must be able and willing to take part in both of them. The presence-based part of the BIP is scheduled for the week from
4 – 8 March 2024 **or** 11 – 15 March 2024, depending on the available accommodation and the preferences of our international partner institutions. The face-to-face meeting at our Academy will be preceded by a one-day digital part.
* Here is what we would like to offer programme-wise:
* After a short overview of our Academy and our police force, you will take part in training sessions by experienced police trainers of the Police Academy of Lower Saxony. This will involve participation in different types of classes, e.g. weapon handling / shooting training, defence and access techniques, searching homes, domestic violence, etc. In this connection, you will have the opportunity to identify similarities and differences in approach between Germany and your own countries, for instance with respect to the use of specific handgrips.
* Our trainers will also provide you with the necessary theoretical knowledge for these topics. At the same time, they will link them to the use of XVR technology, i.e. computer tools and software for simulating and practising scenarios where police action is required with the help of realistic and dynamic digital situation pictures. This includes both routine operations and particularly dangerous and challenging situations that cannot be that easily trained in normal “physical” classes, e.g. police behaviour after an explosion.
* Additionally, we will arrange visits to police departments in Lower Saxony (e.g. the Police Inspectorates Göttingen or Hannover) to show you how operational police work looks like in our federal state and what equipment our police officers work with.
* Well in advance of the BIP, we will send you a detailed course schedule indicating the exact class times. We will probably hold the digital course part on MS Teams. Prior to the event, you will receive an invitation link.
* During the presence-based course part on our campus, you will stay for free in single-sex double rooms. Moreover, our cafeteria will provide you with meals free of charge from Monday to Friday.

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our BIP!

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