
Education for the Future

Sustainable Leadership in Schools

An international exchange program between the Hogeschool van Amsterdam, the University of Tallinn, the Pädagogische Hochschule Zürich and the Schulamt Fürstentum Liechtenstein

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Program fundamentals

1. **ERASMUS+ project**

Education for the Future (2014-2017; funding ca. EUR 330,000.--); new application (2017 – 2020; funding ca. EUR 450,000.--)

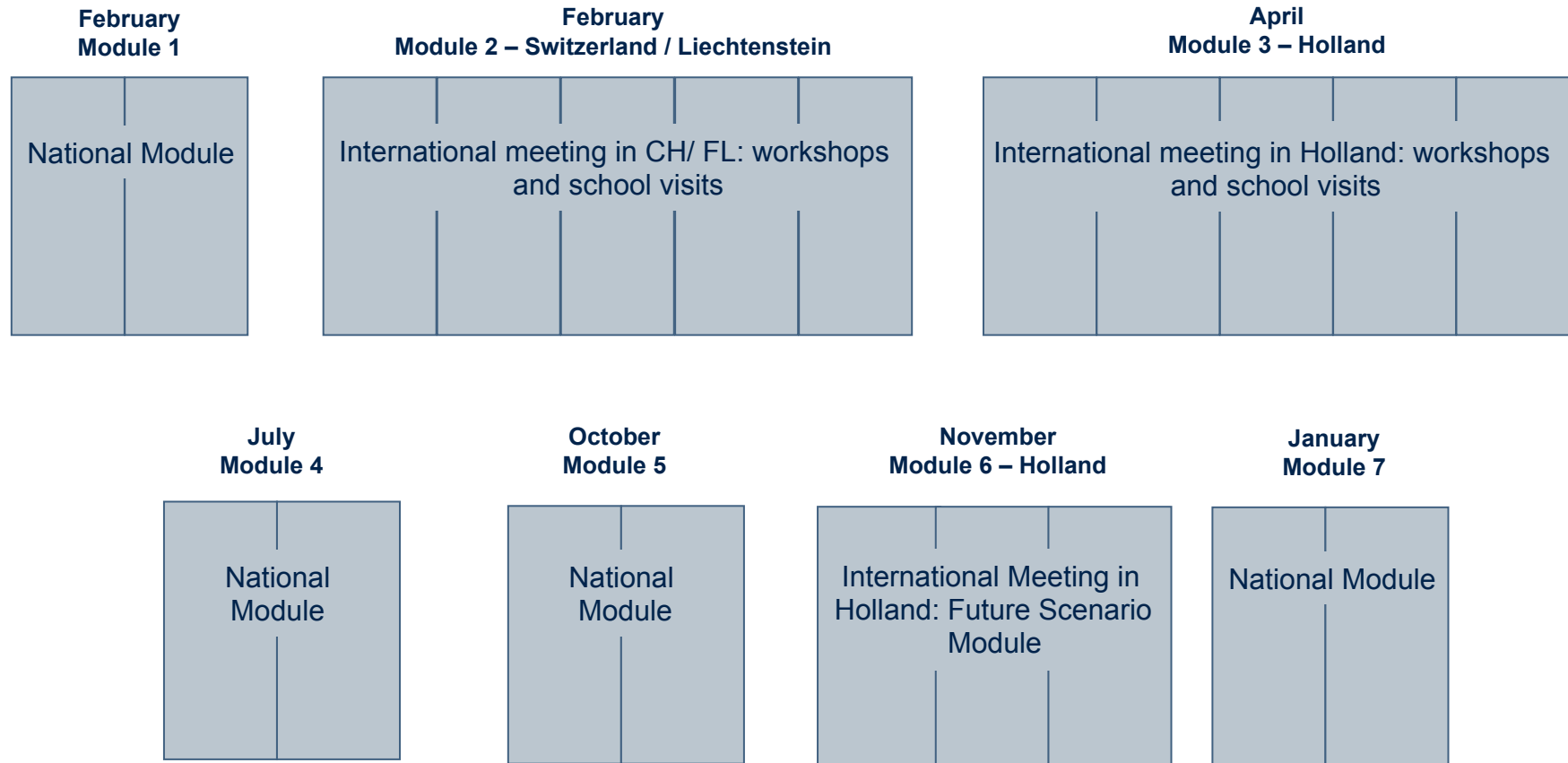
2. **Joint development of an international master-level module**

To be integrated into existing master-level programs in Estonia, the Netherlands and Switzerland

3. **Key program objectives**

1. To develop leadership skills and innovative competence
2. To enhance perspectives through international exchange
3. To introduce school innovations through small scale projects
4. To carry out sustainability research

The program



Benefits and challenges

Benefits

- Internationally co-operating institutes expand their horizons
- Exchange occurs between professionals on different levels (university, school administrative, teaching)
- Research data concerning “sustainability and transfer” profits advanced education programs

Challenges

- High hurdles for a successful Erasmus+ application: Switzerland is “out”. Creativity and the support from all partner countries to join such a program is needed.
- Generating the motivation to understand the application sheets (incl. funding rules)

Lessons learned

- **Be open:** Your expectations may be surpassed.
- **Work together:** The key to such a project's success is the motivation and will of all co-operation partners.
- **Carry your share:** A successful partnership means the workload is equally distributed.
- **Progress over prominence:** Personal contacts are more important than a partner country's attractiveness or the prominence of a name.
- **Be flexible:** Traveling is sometimes more effective than skype or e-mail – be prepared to travel.
- **Count on support from your own university:** Internal (national) support from creative people is a decisive resource.