



CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITIES – THE IDEA CAPTURES EUROPE

International Children's University Conference
13th and 14th February 2009,
University of Tübingen/Germany

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The networking of Children's Universities on a European scale is imminent: the EU-project "European Children's Universities Network (EUCU.NET)" was launched under the Seventh Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development (FP7). This resulted from a huge wave of foundations of Children's Universities since the years 2002/2003. There are now more than 200 Children's Universities all over Europe. The project partners are the organizers of five well-established Children's Universities: Vienna University Children's Office (AT, Coordinator), Eberhard Karls University of Tübingen (DE), University of Basel (CH), University Louis Pasteur Strasbourg (FR), Max Reinhardt Foundation Bratislava (SK) as well as the software company "unsere neue couch" (DE). For further information please visit www.eucu.net.

The official start of this network will take place at the International Children's University Conference "Children's University – The idea captures Europe" on the 13th and 14th February 2009 at the University of Tübingen, Germany.

The International EUCU.NET-Conference on Children's Universities is directed towards already existing Children's Universities as well as towards all parties (in-/directly) involved and interested in the ideas of a Children's University and Science communication to children and teenagers.

For that reason we warmly invite you to join this Conference, to contribute to the international exchange of experiences, attitudes and ideas, questions and potential answers. Or just to inform yourself about EUCU.NET, the idea of Children's Universities and the developing Network of European Children's Universities.

The Conference doesn't charge any fees.



The Conference Programme incorporates and focuses on the following

- * **Lectures:** in which the idea of the Children's University is viewed from different perspectives in relation to its position in academic communication and education.
- * **Presentation:** both the project EUCU.NET and its achievements to date and its current state of research.
- * **Workshops:** on not only chosen Children's University aspects of organisation and implementation but also and most importantly on discussion of open issues and development of new questions area: such as benefits of Children's Universities, how to reach *all* children, i.e. girls and boys, also teenagers and especially underprivileged groups; as well as questions regarding aspects of evaluation.
- * A chance for informal discussion among the participants.
- * Details will be published on www.eucu.net/conference soon.

Additional Offers

To enable exchange to take place among all interested parties there will be an "informal area" running parallel to the official programme, where all participants can meet each other: the so-called "Open Café".

You will find a **notice board**, which will offer you the possibility to announce all sorts of information, questions, notifications etc.

Some existing Children's Universities (registered before) will have the opportunity to present themselves by contributing a poster to a special **Children's Universities Exhibition**. If you would like to present your Children's University on such a DIN A3 poster, please register for the "Exhibition of posters" by choosing the respective option at the registration form under www.eucu.net/conference-registration (when you register for the Conference).

For institutions, organisations and persons who up until now have never organized a Children's University but who are planning to set-up one in the near future: EUCU.NET offers special support for you by building so-called "Mentoring partnerships" with well-established/experienced Children's Universities. This will be part of the Conference as well. If you are interested in building a Mentoring Partnership, please choose the respective button at the registration form under www.eucu.net/conference-registration (when you register for the Conference). For more information please visit <http://www.eucu.net/results#phase2>

Optional Programme

Thursday, 12th February: Pre-Conference Get Together
(to be paid by the participants)

Friday, 13th February: Guided tour: Town of Tübingen
(free of charge)

Friday, 13th February: Guided tour: Museum of the
University of Tübingen
(free of charge)

If you are interested, please choose the button of the respective option in the registration form under www.eucu.net/conference-registration

Registration & Accommodation

The **registration form** is available at www.eucu.net/conference-registration

Information about **accommodation** and how to get there under www.eucu.net/conference

Accommodation Service is available by the Tourist-Information of Tübingen. Please download the form (www.eucu.net/conference) and send it back to the address which is named on it.

Venue

Name of the building:

Neue Aula (University of Tübingen)

Full Address:

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We are looking forward to welcoming you to Tübingen.
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on behalf of EUCU.NET – University of Tübingen

