



Teaching English, Bridging Cultures

TEFE A+ Intensive Staff Training 3 (IST03)

University of South Bohemia, České Budějovice 18-22 May 2026

Participants:

Aston University, United Kingdom (Aston): **Nur Kurtoğlu-Hooton, Joyce Lim**, Muna Morris-Adams (online?)

Comenius University in Bratislava, Slovakia (Comenius): **Ivan Lacko, Linda Steyne**, mentor teacher - **Zuzana Krchová**

Eötvös Loránd University, Hungary (ELTE): **Nora Tartsay Nemeth, Tímea Tiboldi, Ildikó Lázár**, mentor teacher – **Katalin Hubai**

University of Passau, Germany (UP): **Matthias Fuchs, Teresa Fischler, Jonas Scharfenberg, Karsten Fitz**

Public University of Navarra, Spain (UPNA): **Monica Aznárez, Camino Bueno, Jesús Angel Lasheras Baldúz**

Host: *University of South Bohemia in České Budějovice, Czechia (USB):* **Tomáš Jajtner, Helena Lohrová, Alena Prošková, Ivo Petrů**

Guests: Prof Emmanuel Acquah (Åbo Academi University, Finland), Dr Katalin Doró (University of Szeged, Hungary)

TEFE A+ OBJECTIVES

The TEFE A+ project focuses on strengthening the international dimension of initial teacher education by integrating international teaching practice more systematically into existing programmes. It brings together universities, schools and mentors to develop and test collaborative approaches that better prepare future teachers of English.

Key objectives include:

- developing and testing the TEFE Framework for international teaching practice
- strengthening cooperation between universities and partner schools
- supporting student teachers, mentors and teacher educators in working across international contexts
- gathering evidence on the impact of international teaching placements
- contributing to the longer-term development of internationalisation in teacher education

IST03 SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

The third Intensive Staff Training (IST03) is designed as both a reflective and forward-looking stage of the TEFE A+ project. It aims to:

- reflect on how the TEFE Framework has been implemented across partner institutions
- bring together findings from BIPs, international teaching placements and partner reports
- prepare key messages and outputs for the Final Conference
- create space for exchange between project partners, mentors and student teachers
- identify next steps for sustainability and further development beyond the project
- support planning of future collaboration

ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES

The IST03 is expected to lead to:

- a shared understanding of how TEFE A+ has been implemented across institutions
- coordinated conference outputs and dissemination materials
- stronger links between universities, schools and mentors
- clear priorities and next steps for future cooperation
- increased capacity to integrate international teaching practice into teacher education programmes


SCHOOL VISITS AND OBSERVATIONS - Wednesday, May 20

As part of IST03, participants are invited to take part in school visits and classroom observations at selected partner schools on Wednesday morning (20 May).

In addition to observing English language lessons, it will also be possible to attend teaching practicum lessons led by our student teachers, followed by a reflection session.

Please indicate your preference via the linked form in the timetable.

IST03 PROGRAMME

DAY	SUN, 17 May	MON, 18 May Room Z1 (2nd floor)	TUE, 19 May Room Z1 (2nd floor)	WED, 20 May	THUR, 21 May	FRI, 22 May	SAT, 23 May Room Z1 (2nd floor)	
Time/ 9.00-10.30	Arrivals	Day 1: PROJECT IMPACT TEFE A+ Review & institutional experiences (USB + all partners)	Day 2: FROM REFLECTION TO DISSEMINATION AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT Video production and reflection (all)	Day 3: SCHOOL VISITS AND OBSERVATIONS (please sign up)	TEFE A+ Final CONFERENCE	Day 4: EVALUATION TEFE A+ Evaluation (Aston)	Departures	
10.30-11.00		Coffee break	Coffee break			Coffee break		
11.00-12.30		Jakub Šerák, Markéta Marani – eTwinning (online meeting) Impact across institutions – conference “rehearsal” (all partners)	Beyond the Network: TEFE Framework Engagement Review (Passau)			What Next? Shared Plan and Timeline Review, (USB)		
13.00-14.00		Lunch	Lunch			Lunch		
14.00-15.00		From experience to evidence – BIPS and ITP evaluation and future strategy (Aston + Comenius)	Round-tables Seminars – interconnecting mentors, teacher educators and policy makers (USB, ELTE + all)			Meeting the UK Ambassador		12:00 Hluboká Chateau  Guided tour and exploring the grounds
16.00-17.30 School of Arts Foyer		TEFE A+ Poster Exhibition Opening (Refreshments and drinks)	TEFE A+ Dissemination messages + COIL (UPNA)			Free evening		14:00 Farewell Lunch -
19.00-21.00		Dinner – Solnice Restaurant	Dinner with Mentors and Student Teachers Indian Taj Mahal					Free evening