

Notes: Training for international pilgrim guides

Introduction

An important objective of train2eupilgrimage is to develop a standardised international training scheme for pilgrim guides with many e-learning tools, interactive self-learning tests, best practice case studies, checklists, videos, a comprehensive documentation and online manuals.

International guidance requires high organizational tasks as well as physical guiding and competent accompaniment on various themes.

International pilgrim guides have to be informed about the condition of the paths as well as about accommodation and other facilities on carefully selected and prepared routes, being competent on every terrain, in every season and under any weather condition.

They respect ecological contexts, as they are also mediators of responsible action in unspoilt landscapes.

As they are at the same time trainers, mental coaches and spiritual companions, they are requested to have high social, psychological and spiritual competence.

Learning Goal

Awareness of special duties and competences of pilgrim guides as well as of differences between pilgrim guides and tour escorts.

- Profile and specific tasks of international pilgrim guides
- Personal competences to guide abroad
- Organizational competence
- Language skills
- Law and liabilities in foreign countries



Guided international pilgrim group, © Ernst Leitner

Target groups

- International pilgrim guides

Content

All contents (6 modules) of the training course are recommended for international pilgrim guides. For persons with a specific training or qualification all modules are recommended to refresh their knowledge and qualification, whereas there are certain modules, that could be skipped by experienced guides.

Before starting the training, it is recommended to study Modul 1 Chapter 2 (The role of pilgrim guides) to learn about the differences between tour guides and pilgrim guides. Please find details to the relevance of modules and chapters below.

Following modules are important for tour guides who want to work with pilgrim groups:

- Modul 1 – Cultural heritage and identity, spirituality
 - special focus on chapters Role of pilgrim guide, Psychology of walking, Experience churches spiritually
 - all chapters are recommended for guides without training, with little experience or to refresh the knowledge
- Modul 2 – Psychological skills, pedagogics
 - special focus on chapters Deceleration and Impulses
 - chapters Group dynamics and Conflict management recommended for guides without training, with little experience or to refresh the knowledge
- Modul 3 – Theory and practice of pilgrimage
 - special focus on Preparation of a pilgrimage, pedagogy for people with disabilities, pilgrimage for elderly, Storytelling
 - Linguistic skills – foreign languages
 - all chapters are recommended for guides without training, with little experience or to refresh the knowledge
- Modul 4 – Sustainability, Sustainable Travel
 - special focus on Sustainable tourism, Careful handling of touristic resources, Creating sustainable pilgrim packages
 - all chapters are recommended for guides without training, with little experience or to refresh the knowledge
- Modul 5 – Technical practice, digital competence
 - special focus on: Emergency management, Necessary equipment, Navigation Apps, video recording
 - all chapters are recommended for guides without training, with little experience or to refresh the knowledge
- Modul 6 – Planning, Preparation, Networking
 - Law & Liability (Slovenia, Italy, Spain, Austria)
 - Project Management, Planning and Calculation of international pilgrim tours
 - trained and experienced pilgrim guides should be in general familiar with all contents



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