1st Joint Project Study: “Cross-border Mobility and Public Transport Usage”

Programme on 6th April 2019 (Saturday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., location: Aachen)

10 - 10:30 Introduction: Agenda and objectives of the 1st Joint Project Study & emr connect
10:30 - 11 Team-building activity, formation of groups
11 - 12 The Euregio Meuse-Rhine: Relevance and barriers of cross-border interactions
12 - 1 Lunch break
1 - 2:30 Refresher: Questionnaire development, basics of empirical social research
2:30 - 6 Brainstorming in groups on scientific terminology, potential sub-topics, questions and sampling strategies concerning the study of “Cross-border Mobility and Public Transport Usage”

Programme on 7th April 2019 (Sunday, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., location: Aachen)

9 - 10:30 Presentation of brainstorming results (incl. discussion)
10:30 - 12 Definition of key questionnaire components and sampling approaches
12 - 1 Lunch break
1 - 2:30 Development of concise interview questions (one questionnaire component per group)
2:30 - 4 Common definition of the final questions and the question order
4 - 4:30 Importance and organisation of the following pretest

8th April 2019: Finalisation of the questionnaire by Henrik Basche (incl. sending to students)

Between 9th and 11th April: Pretest interviews in the bus lines 14 (Aachen-Eupen, ASEAG/TEC), 350 (Aachen-Maastricht, Arriva) and 20a (Maastricht-Hasselt, De Lijn), discussion about pretest experiences and results in groups

Programme on 26th April 2019 (Friday, 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., location: Hasselt)

10 - 11 Presentations on pretest experiences and results (incl. discussion)
11 - 12 Final discussion of the questionnaire, approval
12 - 1 Lunch break
1 - 4:30 Pedestrian survey (incl. adaption of the developed questionnaire) in the center of Hasselt

Programme on 27th April 2019 (Saturday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., location: Hasselt)

9 - 10 Discussion and assessment of pedestrian survey results
10-12 Introduction: Bi- and multivariate statistics
12 - 1 Lunch break
1 - 4 Introduction to statistics related software (SPSS/Excel/RStudio), creation of data mask

4 - 5 Topic assignment

28th April 2019: Finalisation of the questionnaire by Henrik Basche (incl. sending to students)

Between 29th April and 5th May: Interviews in bus lines 14 (Aachen-Eupen, ASEAG/TEC), 350 (Aachen-Maastricht, Arriva) and 20a (Maastricht-Hasselt, De Lijn)

Between 6th and 9th May: Data entry by RWTH students, sending of the final dataset by Henrik Basche

Between 10th and 23rd May: Data analysis, preparation for the presentation (focus: Methodology and results)

Programme on 24th May 2019 (Friday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., location: Maastricht):

Official presentation of study results, including guests

10 - 12 emr connect: Internal partner meeting

12 - 13 Lunch break

13 - 15 Group presentations and discussions

15 - 16 emr connect: COMAC

Till 31st July: Handing in of assignments (incl. research gap, conceptional background and critical reflection)
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The 1st Joint Project Study has been designed for students from RWTH Aachen University, University of Hasselt, University of Liège, Zuyd University of Applied Sciences & University of Maastricht who are interested in investigating “Cross-border Mobility and Public Transport Usage” in the Euregio Meuse-Rhine empirically. Therefore, you will complete an interactive, comprehensive research process including questionnaire development, face-to-face interviews, data analysis and presentation.

**Schedule**

- **6th / 7th April 2019 (Saturday & Sunday) in Aachen**: Questionnaire development
- Between 1st and 2nd weekend: Self-conducted pretest interviews (just three)
- **26th / 27th April 2019 (Friday & Saturday) in Hasselt**: Pedestrian survey
- Between 2nd and 3rd weekend: Self-conducted interviews and data analysis
- **24th May 2019 (Friday) in Maastricht**: Presentations, networking with practical partners within the next official emr connect meeting ([https://emr-connect.eu/nl/](https://emr-connect.eu/nl/))

**Benefits**

- Improvement of **intercultural** and **economic research related skills**
- Contact to **practical partners** ([https://emr-connect.eu/projektpartner/](https://emr-connect.eu/projektpartner/))
- Exploration of **Aachen, Hasselt** and **Liège**
- **No participation / accommodation fees**

**Preconditions**

- Basics of economic / social research
- Basics of bivariate statistics
- English skills (at least B2 level)

**Questions & registration** until 28/02/2019 (12 p.m.) via henrik.basche@geo.rwth-aachen.de or [https://goo.gl/forms/75Cn1voyplHx3up2](https://goo.gl/forms/75Cn1voyplHx3up2)

In case the number of potential participants exceeds our capacity (25 participants), we will inform you that a motivation letter (max. 300 words) is required until 08/03/2019 (12 p.m.).