

**Contact seminar**

“Raising the Quality of Teaching in the European Classroom”  
Targeting the improvement of basic skills and exploring innovative ways of  
individualized teaching and learning

October 22nd – October 25th, 2015 in Schwerin – Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania



**Schwerin's inimitable Castle**

Schwerin is the capital and second-largest city of the northern-east German state of Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania within the metropolitan regions of Hamburg and Berlin. It was first mentioned in 1018. The population is about 91.600. The city has a largely intact old town, thanks to only minor damage in World War II.

Schwerin is the town of the 7 lakes. The largest one is the Schweriner See. In the midst of these lakes there was a settlement of the Slavic Obotrite (dated back to the 11th century). The area was called Zuarin, and the name Schwerin is derived from that designation. In 1160, Henry the Lion defeated the Obotrites and captured Schwerin. A castle was built on this site, and expanded to become a ducal palace. Today the castle - crowning an island in the Lake Schwerin and that is supposedly haunted by the small, impious ghost, called Petermännchen - is the Parliament of Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania.



**view of the city**

## Programme

Thursday, October 22 <sup>nd</sup>	
15.00 - 18.00	Arrival at InterCity Hotel Grunthalplatz 5-7 19053 Schwerin Telefon: +49 385 59500 schwerin@intercityhotel.de <a href="http://de.intercityhotel.com/Schwerin/InterCityHotel-Schwerin">www.http://de.intercityhotel.com/Schwerin/InterCityHotel-Schwerin</a>
19.00	Welcoming and opening of the seminar, Dr. Uwe Viole, head of division „teacher training“, Ministry of Education, Science and Cultural Affairs of Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania  Dinner buffet (including regional tasters of typical cuisine of the participants' countries) and “European Market Place”
Friday, October 23 <sup>rd</sup>	
9.00 - 10.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Introduction to Erasmus+ programme and Strategic partnerships,  <b>Oliver Schubert</b>, representative of the German National Agency (PAD)</li> <li>- Short presentation of the educational system of Mecklenburg-            Western Pomerania  <b>Ada Quade</b>, representative of the Ministry of Education, Science and            Cultural Affairs of Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania</li> <li>- <b>Jane Thorun</b>, “MOVIEing through art into the future” - Presentation of            an example of good practice, Evangelische Schule "Dr. Eckart Schwe-            rin", Hagenow</li> </ul>
10.30	Coffee break
11.00 - 12.30	Getting to know each other – 1-minute-presentations – including ideas for a partnership / finding partners for working groups
12.30 - 13.30	Lunch
13.30 - 15.00	Plenary Working groups, project planning I
	Coffee in between
15.15 - 16.45	Working groups, project planning II
	time to prepare for dinner
17.30 - 19.00	leave from the hotel for a sightseeing walk
19.00	Dinner Restaurant “Wallenstein”

<b>Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup></b>	
9.00 - 10.00	Presentation: Next steps
10.00 - 11.00	Working groups, project planning III
	Coffee in between
11.00 - 12.00	Working groups, project planning IV
12.00 - 13.00	Lunch
13.00 - 15:00	Presentation of project ideas
	Coffee in between
15.30	leave from the hotel for a visit 1 <sup>st</sup> group: of the State Museum    2 <sup>nd</sup> group: of the Castle Museum
17.15	Free time in Schwerin
19.00	Leave for Dinner from the hotel
19.30	Dinner at Restaurant "Lindengarten"

<b>Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup></b>	
	Breakfast/Departure