



Basic Presentation of the Project Education is Barrier-Free ([www.mag-brita-pilshofer.at](http://www.mag-brita-pilshofer.at), to be complemented)

After the very successful attempt to implement Austrian Higher Education on the foreign market in the field of Higher Technical Education we have decided to fill a gap that is recognized by the World Bank for the years to come, namely the importance of humanities (soft skills) and languages in order to bridge cultural gaps in a world that will more and more become a global village as far as economy is concerned. „Hired for his technical skills, fired for the lack of social skills“ is a saying quite commonly used by representatives of the World Bank (Vienna meeting with the Austrian Federal Chamber of Commerce, June 2015).

### **What we offer**

We offer excellent Austrian knowledge as it is imparted on Austrian High Schools based on High School curricula with the consent and cooperation of the Austrian Federal Ministry of Education to schools and companies who want their employees to excel in European and foreign languages and soft skills as history, geography and economy, philosophy, psychology, mathematics, physics, chemistry, arts, communication, ability to work in projects, ethics etc.

These courses can be taken as short courses with specific diploma as well as the prolonged version up to the Austrian High School graduation granting access to Austrian and international universities after applying for a foreign visa. We work at the permission to grant IB in the near future.

As far as schools are concerned the courses are at the moment meant to be held in the destination countries by teachers who are supported and supervised by our academic experts who have long experience in their field. They come to the destination countries in reasonable intervals and send pedagogical material and advice via internet frequently and on request. This system is commonly known as Train the Trainer System, which has a good

reputation and is frequently used in Austria in teacher training. The schools function as our partners with a certain participation in sales which must be negotiated according to the costs for our experts and travel costs.

For short courses in companies the courses are held by our personnel who come to the country for the time of duration for a fixed price. We will find cooperation with Austrian schools in due time to be able to offer short courses also in Austria for the better communication of cultures and for a better insight into the Austrian culture, landscape etc.

There is a cooperation with Salzburg University of Applied Sciences as far as certificates and courses (also teaching staff) is concerned on soft skills, business management and tourism for the implementation in the International Investors Institute in Iran and for companies on a higher scale in Iran and Brazil.

We have the backing of both Austrian Chambers of Commerce in Tehran and Sao Paulo as well as the Austrian Federal Chamber of Commerce (Außenwirtschaft).

As far as DaF courses for all levels are concerned we have the teachers and are negotiating with Salzburg University about certificates and about a possible cooperation if wanted.

## **About us**

We are experts in teaching at the academical level in various subjects (languages and humanities, see above)

I am the Founder and Project Manager of the Project „ Education is Barrier- Free „ which is operated by my firm LINGUAS ( [www.prof-brita-pilshofer.com](http://www.prof-brita-pilshofer.com) ,languages and projects).

Prof. Mag. Brita Pilshofer has a 33- year experience as a professor of languages in High School and was Head of the English Department at the Swiss- Brazilian School (International School) in Sao Paulo (ESBSP).

She is Member of the Austrian Association of Research and Development of Education (ÖFEB) and founder of a political network on education in all levels of education (BSA-AG Bildung).

From 1987-1997 she was Individual Member of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) and delivered speeches about work, gender and social affairs all over Europe.

She has a certificate to act as an educational consultant by the Magistrate of Salzburg (01/01/60245/2015/002).

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