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1st Fit Europe Seminar

Big Data and its ethical/societal implications

– "Should data rule tomorrow´s world?"

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Introduction – Block 1a and 1b

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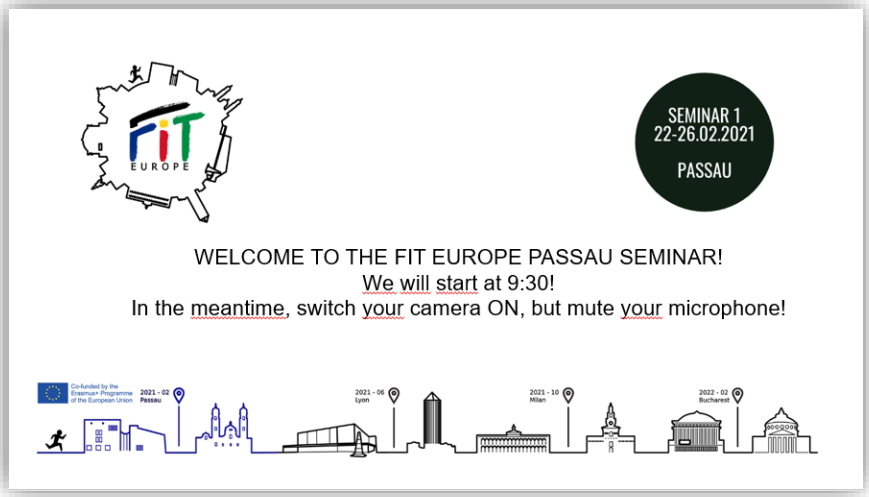


Block 1a

Ophélie Coueffé, Uni Passau:

Welcome everybody!

My name is Ophélie Coueffé and I am speaking to you from Passau University in Bavaria, where we host this meeting in a digital form!

Before everything, I must inform you that we are recording this Seminar. We do it to make a short film with the best moments of the seminar after the event, and also to keep some records of the informative contents of the blocks.

Some of you are sitting in the same meeting room, others are sitting alone at home, others are in their office. I am on the campus of Passau University. Our campus is currently closed to our students, so this is why I am alone in front of my computer.

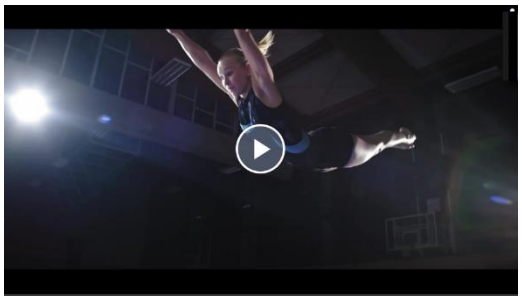
This is the first Fit Europe seminar and we are very pleased that what was only an idea when we made the application to the European Commission in 2019 is finally come true!

First of all, let me invite all of you to turn your camera on, so that we see you! But please keep your micro muted, except when you need to speak.

In case you wish to take the floor, we invite you to raise your hand in the "reactions button" at the bottom of the screen, or to write in the chat and we will give you the floor.

We have here people joining us from 4 countries today! We will take the time this morning to know each others more. But let me invite you already to wave your hands in real - like that - when I call the country you come from. So who is coming from France? (Please, wave your hands so that we see you!) Who is coming from Italy?(Please wave your hands) Who is coming from Romania? (Please wave your hands) And finally, who is coming from Germany? (please wave your hands)

Thank you everybody! It is nice to see that Europe is well represented today. I will soon pass the floor to our Vice-President in charge of the international relations of our University, Professor Christina Hansen, but first, as you were supposed to be here today, in our campus, I invite you to watch this short film about our University.



Film: https://univideo.uni-passau.de/2018/12/image-film-university-of-passau/

I now pass the floor to Vice-President Christina Hansen, for her to make the official opening of the Fit Europe Passau Seminar.

(see transcript of the speech)

9.50: Thank you very much Vice-President Hansen. I will now pass the floor to Professor Harald Kosch, who is the Vice-President in charge of digitalisation.

*(*see transcript of the speech)

Thank you very much! You have seen a film about Passau University, but actually probably not everybody among you have an idea about what the city of Passau looks like. This is why before we continue, we propose to watch a short film about our beautiful city we live in.

FILM on Passau:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YWbVHsQhRPM&feature=youtu.be

Now, we have introduced ourselves, we would like to know more about you! We will do this in two phases!

First, I will pass the floor to my colleague Axelle, who will explain to you what we will do with Mentimeter.

Axelle Cheney, Uni Passau

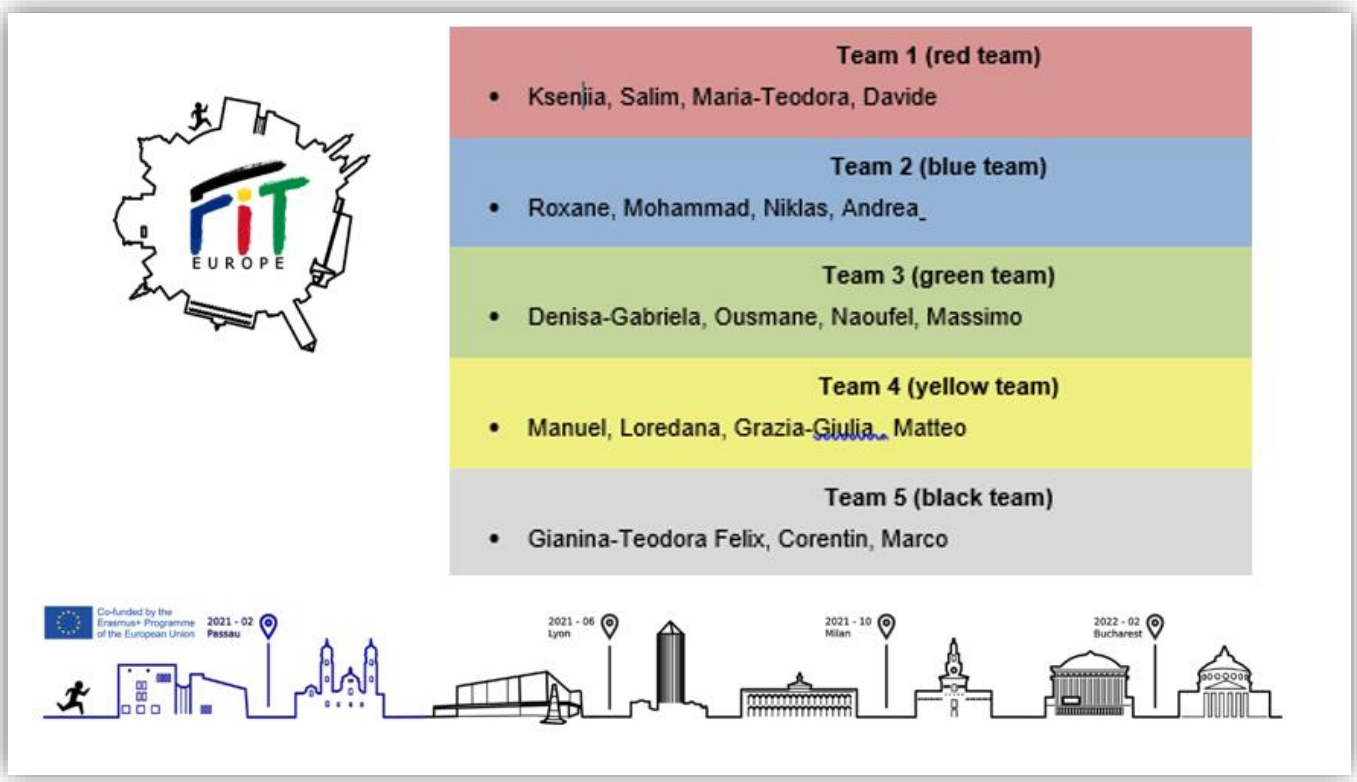
Hello everybody! Now, we invite all of you to go to the following website: https://www.menti.com/fzveibgndh
There, enter the code 19 27 87 3 - and wait for the questions to start. Do not leave the Zoom, just open a new window and type menti.com.

Axelle presents the results of the poll (see attached)

Ophelie Coueffé:
Thank you very much! We will now move to the second phase of getting to know each other, and this is related to: discovering the 5 students' teams!
For this, I invite each teams of students to move to a breakout room, discuss there a SLOGAN for their team and come back in exactly 10 minutes!

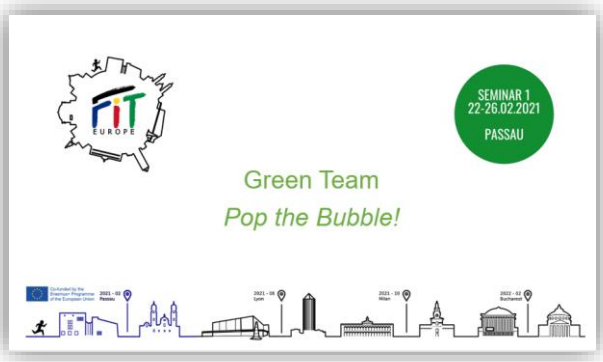
We will then give the floor to each member of the students' team to tell us who they are, and explain to us why the slogan was chosen!
Ah, and for those who have not done it yet, we just recall that we have asked students to wear of have with them an object with the colour of their team. We will see this when we give them the floor once they come back.

So please, the students, go to the breakout rooms and chose a slogan for your team. Mentors and experts can stay here. We meet all of you back here in 10 minutes!



Thank you all, we can start again our meeting. Now, we would like to take 30 minutes to get to know the 5 students' teams. I will give the floor to each student in each team, and invite each student to tell us: his name, which University he or she comes from, and maybe one thing he/she likes to do in his/her leisure time. Please, do not be too long: we have only 1 minute maximum per student. OK? I will then go through the list

Each team introduces itself.



Break for a 30-minute coffee break: *In the first 5 minutes and the last 5 minutes of the coffee break, we will play each time a Bavarian music. We start with* the song " mia san mia" ("wir sind wir"). https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qv5VItfLWvY

Block 2a

Axelle Cheney recalls the objectives of the Fit Europe project, highlighting the three pillars of the project: students in computer science ("future", "digital"), trained about "future" challenges, in a "multicultural" way, thanks to the fact they are mixed with professionals (companies' cultures) and from 4 countries.

She then goes through the agenda of the week and details each block.

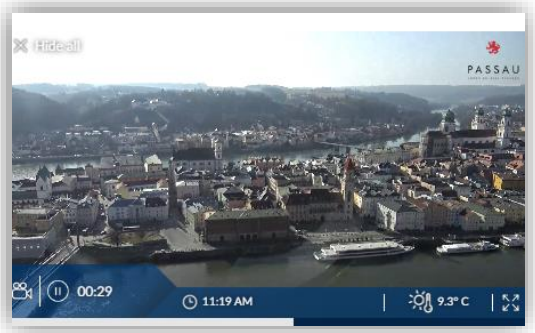
Then Harald Kosch and Lionel Brunie introduce the topic. They both highlight that the question "Should big data rule tomorrow's world?" addresses:

- topics/issues (e.g. data privacy, diversity, fake news and the new political power from data leaders, etc.)
- processes: what impact do data have on our society's model? What new types of governance it allows (e.g. social media, etc.)? How far can technology go?
- both positive and negative changes: e.g. big data can help fighting climate change but at the same time, it raises concerns for the environment due to the data centers' cooling systems

Ophelie Coueffé then closes the session:

- *Before we all break for our lunch, let me mention you two important things.*
- *First of all, the last session today is a fireside chat. What we want here is to give all of you the possibility to meet and network, and chat with other people participating in the seminar. For this, we will use the tool called "Wonder". Everything is explained on the technical document we sent you by email. We suggest that* ***you test you can get in the fireside chat room during the lunch break. If you have any question, you can contact us then from 13.30***
- *During the lunch breaks this week, we will share with you the webcam over Passau, so you can get an idea of what our town looks like.*

  http://www.passau.de/Tourismus/Webcam.aspx



- *We wish you a nice lunch and we see each others here at* ***14.00****. Please be punctual!*

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