Dear contact seminar participant,

We are pleased to welcome you as participant in our contact seminar ‘(validation of) intercultural competences’ in Zandvoort aan Zee, The Netherlands, October 12th-14th. In this seminar we welcome around 70 participants coming from 17 different countries.

**Registration**

In order to complete your registration for our contact seminar please fill out the online registration form **no later than July 7th.** The online registration form you find [here.](http://erasmusplus.m3.mailplus.nl/wpnikPAiIv32-12764-60183-test-1) Thank you for your cooperation.

**Hotel accommodation**

The venue of the contact seminar is:

NH Hotel Zandvoort aan Zee

Burgermeester van Alphenstraat 63

2041 KG Zandvoort, The Netherlands

[Website](https://www.nh-hotels.com/hotel/nh-zandvoort?_ga=2.99058846.1040231545.1498035946-1678765948.1498035946)

Two nights in this hotel are included in your participation in this contact seminar (October 12th and October 13th). You are expected to arrive at the hotel on October 12th at 12:00 at the latest. The programme starts with a lunch at 12:30 (see programme enclosed). The official program starts at 14:00. If you wish to stay additional nights in the hotel you have to book them yourself at your own cost.

Please contact the hotel directly to book additional nights. You can contact our contact person Patrick Leijten at: p.leijten@nh-hotels.com

**Travel information**

*By plane*

The closest airport is Amsterdam Schiphol Airport. There is a train service from Amsterdam Schiphol Airport to Zandvoort aan Zee station. Take the train to Amsterdam Sloterdijk and then change trains to Zandvoort aan Zee. The journey takes around 45 minutes.

*By train*

The Zandvoort aan Zee station is just a ten minute walk from the hotel. On leaving the station, turn right from Stationsplein onto Van Speijkstraat. At the end of the street (400 m), turn left on to Van Lennepweg. Continue along Van Lennepweg as it turns right to become Burgemeester van Alpenstraat. The hotel is 600 m further on along this street on your left.

**Twinspace & eTwinning registration**

For the contact seminar we set up [a TwinSpace](https://twinspace.etwinning.net/42196/home) , a virtual environment of eTwinning, where participants can already virtually meet before coming to the Netherlands. We will also use this TwinSpace for working together during and after the contact seminar.

If you already use eTwinning or if you already have an eTwinning account then we will add you to the Twinspace. If you are new to eTwinning you can register yourself as new teacher at <https://www.etwinning.net/en/pub/preregister.cfm>. We will add you to the Twinspace as soon as your registration has been finalised. Please make sure you have registered yourself **before the 15th of September.** For more information on eTwinning please read the instructions enclosed.

**Contact seminar website**

We have created a specific website for our contact seminar. You can find it following this link: <http://www.erasmusplus.nl/tca-interculturalcompetences-oct2017/>. You can find information about the programme, location, keynote speakers etc. We will continuously update the website. So please take a look regularly. We have also enclosed the programme to this mail for your convenience.

We hope that this first information is helpful for you. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us. We will provide you with more information about the preparation for this seminar in August/September. For now, we wish you a wonderful summer holiday!

We are very much looking forward to meeting you in Zandvoort aan Zee!

Kind regards
The organizing team in NL

Heleen, Elvira, Bart, Marjolein, Mark, Trudy and Anja.