



Dear international students,

## **Are you interested in getting to know German culture outside of the context of university? Become an ambassador for your home country!**

The International Office of Bamberg is participating in the „Europa macht Schule“ (Europe meets school) project giving you the chance for a richer, more immersive international experience during your stay in Germany.

### **What is „Europa macht Schule“ (EmS)?**

EmS is a volunteer-based project in cooperation with the DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) and different universities and schools all over Germany to share and spread the international spirit. The main idea is to bring international university students into German classrooms and create an opportunity for creative cultural exchange.

International students will be able to present their home country through an interactive project while inspiring school students to learn about the world and be more interested in other cultures and perspectives.

### **What could my project look like?**

International participants are usually very free in their choice of project topic. The age of the school students can vary a lot (roughly between 10 – 19 years old) depending on the school you will be assigned to. It is possible to request an age group; however, we are unable to guarantee your preference. Project ideas should be age appropriate and have to be discussed with the teacher of the partner school beforehand.

Past projects included: learning about food and making pizza together (Italy), learning about traditions in southern Spain and learning to dance (Spain), learning about differences in school systems or politics including a mini-mock election (Hungary and US) and many more. Pick between music, culture and cultural differences, dance, food, history, politics or any other topic of interest. Be as creative as you want to be!

### **How much work goes into the project?**

The project usually includes at least one organisational meeting with the teachers and the EmS Team Bamberg. The time spent in school varies between 3 - 5 sessions á 45 minutes in total (it is often possible to do double sessions). You will be required to prepare your classroom sessions at home. There will be a closing event where all participating schools come together to present their project.

### **More Information:**

- EmS is not primarily designed for language learning! Nevertheless, it will be an opportunity for international students, who are learning German to practice some of their language skills during the project. Vice versa, the German students will get the chance to work on their English/French/Spanish (if applicable).
- Participants will receive an official certificate of participation and will gain first-hand experience in the German school system
- For more information and project ideas, visit: <https://www.europamachtschule.de/en/programme/>

**If you are interested in being part of “Europa macht Schule” please write a short e-mail including your name, your field of study, the time you will be in Germany and a short statement on why you want to participate to [kathrin.spies@uni-bamberg.de](mailto:kathrin.spies@uni-bamberg.de)**