CERTIFICATE OF ADVANCED STUDIES

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND EXPORT MANAGEMENT TRAINING













The SEPT Competence Center is a research and training unit at Leipzig University dedicated to provide theoretical insight as well as practical experience in the management and promotion of Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (SMEs) and Startups worldwide.

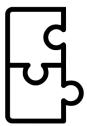
Because of our location in Germany, we have permanently the opportunity to learn from successful German SMEs and Startups and to analyze in detail their best practices and winning experiences, as well as those of the institutions that foster and promote them.

For these reasons, all training programs that are offered by SEPT are based on the patterns of the outstanding German SMEs and Startups and the measures that have been successfully applied to promote them.

"Our main goal is to transfer knowledge to institutions, companies and from all over the world that are looking forward to implementing successful strategies in the promotion and development of SMEs and Startups."

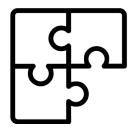
TRAINING CONCEPT

The main objective of the training is to familiarize participants with the application of different concepts, tools and methods surrounding export management in their organizations. The course has been designed for future managers in the private as well as public sector.



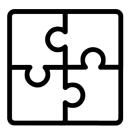
Part 1: Export Plan Development

- Market Selection and Potential Assessment
- Understanding Customer and its Demand
- Understanding Market Entry Strategies
- Supplier and Distribution Channels in Foreign Trade



Part 2: Designing Market Entry Plan

- Designing International Marketing Strategy
- Cultural Aspects of Doing Business Abroad
- Methods of Foreign Trade Financing
- Payment & Delivery Conditions in Foreign Trade



Part 3: Project Coaching

- Export Plan for Product/Service
- Market Entry Plan Development for SME

PART 1: EXPORT PLAN



The success of an export project depends greatly on the selection of the export product, identification of the potential market, identification of export channels; analysis of required resources AND designing market entry and distribution strategy: This means that the person, in charge of export process, should master the various methods and strategies of market selection as well as market and customer analysis. After each session the university and external experts will be available for you in case of any questions.

Sessions	Topics	Methods & Tools	Language
1. Internationalization of SMEs	Market selection & analysisCustomer segmentationCustomer and Intermediary Profile	 International Business Model Canvas Market attractiveness matrix Customer profiling Market analytics planner Market research tools 	• English
2. Market & Customers	Customer analysisValue propositionResource analysis	 Customer Profiling Tools Personas / Customer Profile Value Proposition - Kano Model 	• English
3. Market Entry and Distribution Strategy	 Partners & resources on international markets Supplier development & evaluation Distribution channels Market entry strategies 	Marketing mixBrand communication toolsCompany Teaser	• English

MODULE 2: MARKET ENTRY PLAN



In the second module, participants learn about appropriate implementation of the export plan. This includes among others setting the right payment and delivery conditions as well as dealing with customs law. In order to secure the whole venture the participants learn about foreign trade financing models as well as delivery and payment conditions. In this module, trainings are conducted by SEPT trainers and by external specialists. After each session our experts will be available for you in case of any questions.

Sessions	Topics	Methods & Tools	Language
4. Negotiations and negotiating strategies	 Preparation to negotiations Different negotiation styles Intercultural aspects of negotiations 	Negotiation gamesFive step preparationincluding BATNA and ZOPA	• English
5. Delivery & Customs Duty	 Payment and delivery conditions Customs law and foreign trade 	 INCOTERMS 2020 EU-customs law and procedures Customs law for export of goods from the EU 	• English
6. Financing Foreign Trade	 Financing foreign trade Preparation of sales contracts with examples Guaranties in foreign trade 	 Products of foreign trade financing and their application possibilities Payment security Types of guarantees Introduction to Letter of Credit 	• English

TRAINING METHODOLOGY

The **constructivist methodology** used in our Export Manager Advanced Training allows our participants to take an active role in their learning process by applying concepts and tools to build and adapt their own strategies continuously.

In this way, we not only encourage the interaction of our participants with our team of consultants and experts but also among themselves with the objective of forming a network of experts in different areas and with different backgrounds, which in turn empowers them to lead to an enriched discussion of relevant topics to address current market demands comprehensively.

At the same time, the Export Manager Advanced Training offers participants a space to make their own decisions and provides them with the necessary flexibility to develop the skills and competencies to build their future professional life.

Our team accompanies the training with parallel coaching sessions, which are essential for developing an **Export Plan** for a given product or service, as well as for the design of an **Internationalization Plan** for a respective organization in a real setting.



PROFILE OF THE TRAINERS



PROF. DR. UTZ DORNBERGER

Director of the SEPT Competence Center of Leipzig University. SEPT especially focuses on the promotion of innovation and entrepreneurship in Germany as well as in others countries around the world. His academic and professional focus is especially on innovation and entrepreneurship management. He has international experience in 5 continents and over 35 countries.



GUNNAR KASSBERG

Gunnar Kassberg is experienced in the management of international projects and has worked for various institutions in Economic Development, Knowledge & Technology Transfer, Business Development & Startup Promotion. Since 2023 he is the CEO of the SEPT Competence Center. His field of expertise is the internationalization of SME, especially the planning of international market research, analyzing cross-cultural marketing campaigns and the implementation of online-marketing tools.



WOJCIECH MURAS

Wojciech Muras is an experienced trainer with a background in numerous international projects across various industries, originally coming from the Fraunhofer Research environment. His expertise lies in the internationalization of SMEs and startups, with a focus on planning and conducting international market research and business culture training. Wojciech has supported over 40 German startups in their internationalization efforts in Vietnam.



JAZMIN PONCE GOMEZ

Jazmin PhD candidate experienced in many international research projects at the Leipzig University, coming originally from Peru. Her field of expertise is customer analysis and profiling as well as cultural aspects of doing business in South America.

PROFILE OF THE TRAINERS

Apart from SEPT lecturers, Business and Export Management courses will be provided by competent and experienced external experts from a different business fields.



DR. FRANZISKA FRANK

Ms. Frank has been working directly for the European School of Management and Technology (ESMT) in Berlin, as well as other business schools and companies for more than 15 years. She teaches about all facets of influencing including leadership, decision making, and negotiating.



HANS-PETER KLOPPE

Mr. Kloppe is an expert in the field of foreign trade with over 30 years experience currently working for DZ Bank AG. Focused on advising medium-sized corporate customers in international business. Expertise among others in: financial markets, business development, international payments, international trade



MIRKO DÖRRY

Mr. Dörry is an accredited and certified Incoterms trainer with over 10 years experience in the field of duties and foreign trade and payments legislation. Focused on foreign trade law. Offer: seminars, courses and workshops in all aspects of customs and foreign trade law. Preparation and follow-up of tax audits by the customs administration.

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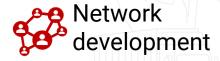
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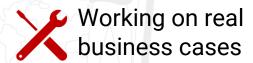


25 SMEs and Startups



10 experienced experts in pool





ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



PLACE

 Training sessions will be held at SEPT Seminar Room 2.10. Participation only in person.



ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- A 3-year undergraduate degree or its equivalent from a reputable university
- Basic understanding of management and economic principles



DURATION & PARTICIPANTS

 The training course will span a minimum of 50 training and coaching hours, with a maximum of 25 participants.



CERTIFICATE

 Successful participants will receive a Certificate of Advanced Studies from Leipzig University, signed by the partner companies.



LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION

 The training course will be held in English.



PARTICIPATION FEES

- **No fee** for international academics/ alumni residing in Leipzig.
- Custom offers for companies/ professionals based on full training or selected sessions.



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