



# USN – SPPU

## International Collaboration

**Title of the Project: NOTED – Quality in Teacher Education - Joining Forces  
Through Internationalisation (JOIN)**

➤ **Project No.:** NOTED-2017-four-year/10039

### ➤ **About the Project**

This project aims to build a culture of internationalisation at the core of the teacher training programmes at USN and partner institutions. The main objective of the project is to ensure that more students gain international experience during their education, by taking advantage of different ways of internationalisation such as virtual mobility and internationalisation “at home”, as well as traditional mobility.

The project will respond to the ongoing curriculum reform processes that have introduced three crosscutting themes into Norwegian primary education: democracy & citizenship, sustainable development and public health & life skills. As these are to be mainstreamed into all subject areas in both schools and teacher education, it is important to strengthen staff and student capacity related to these topics. To achieve this, the project will strengthen strategic partnerships for internationalised teaching activities, as well as international research-based development projects. Project activities include joint research with a focus on international and comparative education, joint teaching in virtual classrooms, and activities to stimulate increased student mobility.





Internationalisation “at home” is an integrated approach to increase quality in teacher education. The aim is to make sure that all students experience internationalisation at USN, even those electing not to go abroad. Another key aspect of this strategy is to integrate incoming students in mainstreamed international courses. Virtual mobility includes taking advantage of innovative technology and pedagogical approaches to teach jointly with international colleagues in virtual classrooms. A key aim is to lower the threshold for student participation in international learning environments.

➤ **Nature of the Project:** Joint (University College of Southeast, Norway and Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune, India)

➤ **Objectives of the Project**

The main objective of the project is to strengthen internationalisation in teacher training programmes at USN and participating partners, through bringing three ways of internationalisation together: international activities, internationalisation “at home”, and virtual mobility. These arenas will be used to develop joint research and joint teaching with a focus on the following crosscutting themes into Norwegian primary education: 1) democracy & citizenship, 2) sustainable development and 3) health & life skills.

➤ **Project Partners**

 <b>Universitetet i Sørøst-Norge</b>	<b>Main Partner Institution in Norway</b>  University College of Southeast, Norway (NO-HSN)
	<b>Main Partner Institution Outside Norway</b>  Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune, India (IN)
  	<b>Network Partners</b>  University of Oulu, Finland (FI)  University of Iceland, Iceland (IS)

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- **Duration:** 5 Years (2018-2022)
- **Status:** Ongoing
- **Project Members:**

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➤ **Phases:**

**2018: Teacher Mobility**

In this year, SPPU teachers visited to the USN, Norway campus under the project. During, October 13 to 18, 2018 SPPU teachers Prof. Sanjeev Sonawane, Prof. Dipak Mane, Dr. Nisha Valvi and Dr. Vaibhav Jadhav visited to USN and worked on project with USN teachers.





### **2019: Teacher/Student Mobility**

In August two USN students visited in the SPPU and successfully completed one semester here. In October USN teachers visited to SPPU and worked on the project with the SPPU teachers. In this year, One Philosophical workshop was conducted in Pachgani for teachers and one Philosophical workshop was conducted in Department of Education & Extension, Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune for students. Prof. Asmund & Prof. Walter from USN Norway also invited as a guest lecturer in National Resource Centre, ARPIT- SWAYAM online refresher course.



**2020-21:** No physical mobility planned for 2020 due to possible travel restrictions. However, academicians from both Universities continuously discuss through ZOOM platform.

### **2022: Teacher Mobility**

SPPU teachers visited to the USN, Norway campus under the project. During, September SPPU teachers Prof. Sanjeev Sonawane, Dr. Nisha Valvi, Dr. Vaibhav Jadhav and Dr. Gayatri Choukade visited to USN and worked on project with USN teachers.



### **2023: Teacher/Student Mobility**

The next year, under the teacher mobility program nearby two/three teachers and under the student mobility program nearby three/four students will be selected. The notification regarding student mobility program will be published on website soon.