

## **The project PROMISE – and beyond ...**

The concept of *PROMISE Team* and *Club Lise* was developed by Tanja Tajmel and Klaus Starl in 2005 as a solution oriented approach to address the observed underperformance of migrants in sciences. Funding from EC, Deutsche Gesamtmetall and HU-Berlin made it possible to realise this concept from 2005 until 2007 at a trans-national level. During this time *PROMISE Teams* and *Clubs Lise* were established in Germany, Austria, Turkey and Bosnia-Herzegovina.

It would be highly appreciated, if the idea of PROMISE-work continues. All scientists, teacher trainers and teachers, who want to continue with PROMISE-work or who are interested in building up *PROMISE Teams* and *Clubs Lise*, are very welcome and kindly invited, to contact the authors:

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Overview of the main characteristics of PROMISE Team and Club Lise (for full description see Tajmel and Starl 2005):

### **PROMISE Team**

- interdisciplinary teams (natural sciences, social sciences, languages)
- teachers, experts and scientists
- international and intercultural exchange (if possible)
- taking into account recent findings of research on this topic
- focus on science education on the basis of the human right to education
- gender and diversity mainstreaming

Key tasks of the PROMISE teams: *To develop and modify science lessons and science teaching methods in order to make them accessible and acceptable for all students, “without distinction of any kind such as race, colour, sex, language, religion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status” (Universal declaration of human rights, UN 1948, Art. 2).*

PROMISE team leaders and team members should be highly motivated in exchanging ideas and knowledge. PROMISE teams follow a solution oriented approach instead of a deficit oriented one. In order to guarantee quality and consistency of PROMISE-teamwork, there should be a regular input of the authors.

### **Club Lise**

- female students about grade 10-13
- intercultural composition (minimum 50 percent migrants)
- located at universities
- regular meetings with university students and scientists
- focus on natural sciences (physics, chemistry, biology) and medicine, mathematics, informatics, technical studies
- Club Lise informations reflect the diversity (e.g. bilingual)
- public presentation, international and intercultural exchange (if possible)

Key tasks of Club Lise: *To make migrant female students familiar with university studies, to motivate them to enrol in sciences, to strengthen their interests and competencies.*

### **Quotation**

The PROMISE-concept including *PROMISE-Team* and *Club Lise* is published and available via internet (link see below). PROMISE shall be quoted as:

**Tajmel, Tanja and Starl, Klaus, PROMISE – Promotion of Migrants in Science Education, Berlin and Graz, July 2005**

available online: [http://www.etc-graz.at/typo3/fileadmin/user\\_upload/ETC-Hauptseite/publikationen/Occasional\\_papers/PROMISE\\_Tajmel\\_Starl\\_2005.pdf](http://www.etc-graz.at/typo3/fileadmin/user_upload/ETC-Hauptseite/publikationen/Occasional_papers/PROMISE_Tajmel_Starl_2005.pdf)

For detailed quotation of *PROMISE Team* and *Club Lise* please add the relevant chapters or page numbers (e.g. ... PROMISE Team (Tajmel and Starl 2005, p.39), ...Club Lise (Tajmel and Starl 2005, p.41))