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## The development of Intercultural Competence through Intercultural Virtual Collaboration/Virtual Exchange

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Intercultural Virtual Collaboration (IVC) is a pedagogical approach that allows students from universities located in different cultures to collaborate together through technology. By breaking physical boundaries, it represents a more inclusive internationalization strategy that can be integrated into university curriculum at minimal costs.

In this presentation, we will describe two IVC projects that have been implemented in University of Deusto since 2016 in partnership with universities in Holland and France to develop students' Intercultural Competence. During the presentation, we will present (1) the pedagogical strategy/task-sequence that has been employed in such projects and (2) the perceptions collected from students who participated in one of the implementations. We will also discuss lessons learned in the last years through different implementations.



