Concept

International Academy of the European Spas Association

"ESPA Academy"



Prevention and rehabilitation: situation in Europe

- No uniform standards in education (e.g masseurs, physiotherapists, trainers etc.)
- No comparability of the education level / International exchange difficult
- No transparent services in the spa sector
- Side effect: Many so called "international institutes" with something they are educating



International Academy especially for the spa sector



Initiative: Founding of an academy for the spa sector

-International comparable educations

-International diploma, examples

Physiotherapists Masseurs Quality managers Balneo-Technicians Balneologic assistants Wellness Trainers Physicians with an upgrade study in balneology





Advantages:

- 1. For ESPA:
- Improving of the network (alumni, etc.)
- Support for the members
- Additional funding

2. For the spa facilities

-A reliable source of well educated spa professionals on an international level





Tasks of the academy:

- 1. Development of international curricula
- 2. Providing academies in the memberassociations with these curricula (ESPA receives a licence for that)





Were to host the ESPA academy? First rough estimation: finance-budget From were to get the curricula? Business-model Next steps Funding for the start? (EU / private / national funds)



Were to host the ESPA academy?

Cooperation partner

- Train the trainers
- Coordination of curricula
- Licence-business
- Final examination
- Quality assurance aspects
- Platform for the alumni / spa professionals
- Marketing
- Organisation: distance study? (distance university)





Cooperation with a city to build up a new academy





First rough estimation: finance-budget

| Costs for the start up phase (office, website, equipment, contracts etc.) | Ca. 25.000 € |
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| Operating costs (per year): Personal costs | Ca. 150,000 € |
| Office (rent, consumables etc.) | Ca. 40,000 € |
| Travelling costs | Ca. 24,000 € |
| Additional costs (fees, assurances, associations etc. | Ca. 16,000 € |

Ca. 230,000 € per year

From were to get the curricula?

Development of the curricula in co-operation with <u>leading</u> academies

They will receive a percentage of the licence ESPA will charge





Next steps:

To find a partner for the academy / develop the business model

- 1. Starting with a pilot project (e.g. masseurs)
- 2. Looking for cooperating academies creating the curricula for masseurs
- Providing the first international course for masseurs for academies in some countries. These academies can use the name "International Academy of the European Spa Association"



Leonardo Da Vinci Programme?

Other programmes?

-Co-operations with private academies

-Co-operations with already existing schools plus local additional funding