

Press Release



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Market leader closes market gap:

IKOME | Steinbeis Mediation offers training to become an international mediator

IKOME | Steinbeis Mediation is breaking new ground in mediation training. The market leader for mediation in Germany will offer a training course to become an international mediator starting January 9, 2024.

"In the age of globalization, the world is growing ever closer together. This also applies to mediation. The need for mediators who are trained in international dispute resolution is growing steadily. With our training we prepare them in the best possible way for their demanding task," emphasizes Prof. Dr. Gernot Barth, Head of IKOME | Steinbeis Mediation.

The training course to become an international mediator closes a gap in the training market for mediators. "Up to now, there are hardly any corresponding offers. Further training opportunities are limited to workshops, which are anything but adequate in view of the requirements," Barth continues.

The training is aimed at people who have already completed a training as a mediator and need an appropriate additional qualification for the contemporary handling of international mediation cases.

IKOME | Steinbeis Mediation plans to offer the course to mediators worldwide.

The regional focus will be on Asia, Europe and North America.

The focus of the six-month training is on teaching methods of international mediation, intercultural communication and online communication. A great deal of emphasis is placed on exercises, in which the participants apply the theoretical knowledge they have acquired in practice.

The training is delivered online by expert international trainers and consultants in English. It consists of a basic part with live seminars, nine e-learning units for self-learning, three in-depth workshops and a final exam with case simulations. The number of participants is limited to 25 per course. All graduates receive a certificate of completion from Steinbeis University.

"We are not starting from scratch. We have already successfully conducted a pilot course as part of a project funded by the European Union, and from this we have

made deductions for the design of our new training offering. We are pleased to finally be able to get started after thorough preparation," explains IKOME | Steinbeis Mediation Project Manager Verena Reinecke.

The training to become an international mediator is one of four training courses in the field of mediation offered by IKOME | Steinbeis Mediation. The company also offers trainings in "Business Mediation", "Family Mediation" and "Mediation for Citizen Participation, Planning, Building".

IKOME | Steinbeis Mediation has been active in national and international mediation for more than 20 years. The company has established itself internationally and made a name for itself as the organizer of highly regarded specialist conferences for mediators working worldwide in Berlin, Florence, Leipzig, Stuttgart and Warsaw. In March 2023, this format was held for the first time as an online conference with more than 400 participants from around the globe.

IKOME | Steinbeis Mediation is also involved in projects funded by the European Union for the further development of cross-border mediation. With the English-language trade journal "The Mediation", the company publishes the world's only professional medium for mediation that sees itself not as a scientific but as a practical publication for the broad field of conflict resolution.

Further information on the training course "International Mediation" is available on the website <https://www.steinbeis-mediation.com/schulung-und-beratung/international-mediation/>. Join a video call for individual questions or recommendations for the course. An online registration for the training is possible on the website. Feel free to contact Project Manager Verena Reinecke for further information: phone: +49 (0)341 2251318 or via email: verena.reinecke@steinbeis-mediation.com.

Background

IKOME | Steinbeis Mediation is one of the leading consulting institutes for conflict management in Germany. The company, based in Leipzig, is number one in mediation training nationwide. It publishes the trade journal "Die Mediation", the largest German-language medium in its field. Its director, Prof. Dr. Gernot Barth, is Professor of Conflict Management and Mediation at the Faculty of Business & Economics at the Steinbeis University and President of the German Association for Mediation (DGM).