Blended learning approaches in international academic cooperation in distance education

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Phases in international projects:

**PHASE I**
Preparation
- Online course
- Online meetings for introduction and feedback

**PHASE II**
Face-to-Face
- Online course wrap-up
- Additional lectures
- Workshops and group work in international teams

**PHASE III**
Follow-Up
- Evaluation
- Assessment
Organizational and design requirements for international projects:

- Good logistics regarding face-to-face-time
- Selection of tools (availability, ease of use, licensing, data protection)
- Scheduling and selection of materials and online courses
- Requires well defined learning phases and paths. Even more challenging in an international environment
Required didactic competences

- Subject related competences
  - Didactic orientation competences
  - ICT competences
  - Overall didactic design competences

- Language and intercultural competences
Thank you!