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EuropeMobility

LLP-LDV/TOI/08/IT/563

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Project Information

Title: EuropeMobility

Project Number: LLP-LDV/TOI/08/IT/563

Year: 2008

Project Type: Transfer of Innovation

Status: running

Country: IT-Italy

Marketing Text: Raising the quantity and quality of work placements abroad

Summary: Since their introduction in 1987, European mobility programmes supporting work placements abroad have registered a constant but modest increase in the number of beneficiaries.
Still a low percentage of students from VET go abroad as part of their educational path.
The recent boost of allocated budget, from the European Commission within the LLL Programme as well as from certain member countries in northern Europe via national dedicated funding, is going to amplify the volume of exchanges but a multiplier effects is required if we are to achieve the objective of 80.000 VET students going abroad each year.
The European Commission has financed three major research projects (2005-2007) to increase mobility in VET and, among them, the MoVe-iT initiative have been focusing on fostering: “the development of transnational mobility leading to qualifications as an integral element of vocational training pathways at European level, by identifying all the obstacles to such development and concrete solutions for overcoming them.”
Based on the results of these research initiatives, Europemobility stimulates both quantity and quality of mobility in VET, by promoting awareness on the obstacles as well as on the tools, methodologies and solutions available. The main barriers to mobility may be summarized in the following categories:

-> Legal and administrative obstacles
-> Quality
-> Sustainable strategies
-> Support mechanisms
-> Communities of practice and Awareness

For further information on the obstacles and proposed solutions for mobility:
http://www.europemobility.eu

Description: Beneficiaries
Europemobility project aims at spreading information and good practices among all those involved in mobility, regardless age, sector of occupation, level and degree of education.
Those who might get involved in or benefit from Europemobility activities might be:
c Students from the VET sector
c Students from academic sector
c Youngsters with disabilities and/or disadvantages
c Teachers and trainers
c Mobility coordinators
c School managers and those involved in planning international strategies of educational institutions
c Decision and policy makers
c Employers and union representatives
c Other stakeholders involved in planning and implementing educational policies

The message we want to promote is “mobility for all”, including those with disabilities as well as social and economic disadvantages. Therefore, Europemobility aims at establishing links and cooperation agreement with the following educational dimensions:

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c Initial Vocational Education and Training
c VET in general
c Academic education
c Informal and non formal education

Find out more about we are doing for each group.
Partners
As strong channels for international spread of information of good practices on mobility seem to be missing, the partnership is composed by different stakeholders representing European networks of VET providers, VET Schools and mobility players, social and economic actors.
The project partners are:
c CSCS
c PwC
c EfVET
c Yes Forum
c IKASLAN
c AVIVA
c Swiss Occidental Leonardo

If you are interested to become an associated partner and join our Europemobility International Community of Practice, click here.

Activities
Guide book
New printed guidebook on how to arrange VET placements abroad. The guide book is designed for students and may also be used by trainers and mobility coordinators as promotional tool to support commitment for going abroad.
Educational programmes
One stop shop for knowledge sharing, based on a common framework for all organizers of mobility. The educational programme should enable mobility coordinators in order to access information on good practices, tools, methodologies, quality marks for effectively planning and implementing mobility projects, focused on work placements abroad.
The educational programme covers the cycle for organizing mobility (preparation, implementation, evaluation) and offers the following features:
c Guidance
c Self-assessment tools
c References to good practices
c Benchmarking exercise
c Additional existing publications and information resources
Mobility Fairs
Promotional events organized in the premises of target group institutions, such as Schools, Universities and/or Educational institutions to promote mobility and to raise awareness on benefits, funding opportunities and good practices.
The Mobility Fairs will see contribution of experts of mobility field as well as former mobility students, as “ambassadors” and are designed for:
c Students form the VET sector, students at university, youngsters in general and those with disabilities and/or special learning needs
c Trainers and mobility coordinators
International Community of Practice
Europemobility will establish an community of practice with public and private organizations involved in and promoting mobility with the purpose of:
c stimulating work placements abroad
c promoting awareness among practitioners of good practices
c adoption of European tools and quality marks for mobility and work placements abroad
Newsletter
Europemobility publish a bimonthly electronic newsletter aimed at :
c spreading information about the project activities and results
c spreading information on good practices, methodologies and tools of effectively

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plan and manage work placements abroad
c making visible to students “mobility ambassadors”, i.e. other students experiencing work placement abroad
c sharing information on events, fairs, seminars, work shops dedicated to mobility as well as on European funding opportunities, i.e. LLL programme
European Toll Free Number
Toll Free Number providing support and guidance to students on how to join a mobility project. Mobility coordinators will get from the Toll Free Number technical support to on how to promote effective mobility projects.
Toll Free Number provide information on:
c Funding opportunities
c Quality marks and methodologies
c Contact information in European countries
Video Contest
Europemobility promotes, on a yearly basis, an European video contest for Leonardo and Erasmus mobility students doing a work placement abroad. Mobility students are asked to tell to peers their experiences abroad, using their mobile phone.
The video contest exploits existing technologies for web streaming video, blog and social networking, as in youtube, and it is organized and structured with the purpose of:
c Gathering “Ambassadors for mobility” from a wide variety of activities and areas of interest, including VET, academic, youngsters in general and those with disabilities and disadvantages
c Raising awareness and demonstrate the real benefits of work placements abroad
Final Conference
One day international final conference to promote final outcomes and deliverables of the project. Those interested in this conference might be:
c Employers and employees representatives
c Students and youngsters representatives
c Decision makers in education
c Policy-makers
c Mobility players
c Other relevant stakeholders

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The main outcomes of the project consist on a printed guidebook on how to arrange VET placements abroad and blended learning educational programmes for all relevant stakeholders such as mobility coordinators, school managers, students and employers based on the already available online MoVE-iT resources. Raising the attractiveness of VET is the main intangible outcome of the project and its dissemination campaign on mobility.

The project ensures a wide impact at European level in terms of development of the skills and competences of European VET and guidance professionals involved in mobility, strengthening their role in the systemic changes facing the VET sector, stimulating the acquisition of specific pedagogical skills, toward the adoption of a competence based approach in mobility.

Themes:
* Utilization and distribution of results
* Lifelong learning

Sectors:

Product Types:

Product information:

Projecthomepage: http://www.europemobility.eu

Project Contractor

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Partner 2

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Country/Region: Stuttgart
Country: DE-Germany
Organization Type: association/non-governmental organisation
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Partner 3

Name: AVIVA- TRAINING AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT CENTER
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Country: PL-Poland
Organization Type: National Agency
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Partner 4

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Country: BE-Belgium
Organization Type: association/non-governmental organisation
Homepage: http://www.efvet.org

Partner

Partner 5

Name:	IKASLAN - ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC VOCATIONAL COLLEGES FROM THE BASQUE COUNTRY
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Country/Region:	Pais Vasco
Country:	ES-Spain
Organization Type:	association/non-governmental organisation
Homepage:	http://www.ikaslangipuzkoa.net

Partner 6

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Country:	NL-Netherlands
Organization Type:	large-scale enterprise (more than 250 employees)
Homepage:	http://www.pwc.com/nl

Products

1 Europemobility Guidebook on Work Placements Abroad

Product 'Europemobility Guidebook on Work Placements Abroad'

Title:	Europemobility Guidebook on Work Placements Abroad
Product Type:	teaching material
Marketing Text:	This guidebooks provides a number of exercises and questions which can be used by a mobility coordinator with mobile learners to support the transnational learning activity abroad.
Description:	The guidebook is structured according to the different phases of the learning mobility initiative, which includes: - preparatory activities, before going abroad - monitoring and educational support, during the exchange abroad - evaluation and follow-up, after the exchange abroad
Target group:	Mobility Coordinators Mobile Learners Educational providers from VET, HE, Non formal education
Result:	Guidebook is available in English, Spanish, Italian and Polish
Area of application:	Learning Mobility
Homepage:	www.europemobility.eu
Product Languages:	Spanish Polish Italian English