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International Conference

Raising Quality and Quantity of Work Placements in Europe

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Learning mobility and internationalization is gradually embedded within formal education systems as complementary measure to foster both personal and professional skills and competencies of learners. Learning mobility is increasingly perceived and more and more adopted as an effective measure to involve NEETs in practical experiences abroad. Learning mobility is an integral element of many youth programmes promoting empowerment via non-formal and informal education activities. Learning mobility is integrated within measures supporting the implementation of the Youth Guarantee.

The conference offers a unique opportunity to decision makers and practitioners to meet each other, discuss around successful initiatives and fine tune new programmes. The conference promotes synergies and exchange of experiences between educational providers active in different sectors (VET, HE and Non formal Education) and among decision makers with different portfolios (Youth, Employment, Education).

Participants benefit from the event by establishing synergies in terms of:

- Strategic planning and benchmarking successful programmes under European Social Fund, former Lifelong Learning Programme and Erasmus+ for decision makers
- Innovative solutions, tools and practical measures to implement learning mobility schemes for practitioners

The conference aims at providing professionals the marketplace for exchanging experiences and good practices in the adoption of transnational learning mobility for engaging youngsters and contributing to better educational and employment perspectives.

Europemobility Network is an International Community of Mobility Coordinators, composed by over 240 members in 30 countries, active in VET, HE and Non Formal Education, representing over 500.000 learners, 50.000 staff members and 16.000 transnational exchanges per year: www.europemobility.eu

Europemobility Network celebrates within the International Conference the Award Ceremony of the yearly Video Contest for mobile learners: www.europemobility.tv

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DAY 1: 25 September 2014
Venue: Teatro Massimo, via De Magistris 12, Cagliari - SARDINIA

08.00 – 09.00 Registration of participants
Mobility Exhibition

09.00 – 09.30 Welcome: Europemobility and the Autonomous Region of Sardinia

09.30 – 09.50 Opening: European Commission
Cross Sectorial Partnerships for Mobility Schemes under Erasmus+

09.50 – 10.10 Italian Ministry of Labour
Traineeships and work-based learning

10.00 – 10.20 Italian Ministry of Education
Internationalization of education

10.20 – 10.40 Eurofund, Massimiliano Mascherini
European Outlook on NEETs

10.40 – 11.00 Italian Ministry of Labour
National measures supporting transnational mobility

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee break & networking exercise

11.30 – 13.00 Parallel Workshops
Round 1: Quality or Cooperation Models

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch

14.00 – 14.30 Award Ceremony of 2014 Video Contest

14.30 – 16.00 Panel among decision makers and practitioners

• German Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, lessons learned from IDA Programme,

• Piedmont Region, Transnational Measures for practical experiences abroad based on ECVET and funded by the European Social Fund

• Swedish National Agency for Labour, UNGA I N programme, Magdalena Sandin Petra Jansson

• Basque Government, Work Placements Abroad for Disadvantaged Youngsters

16.00 – 16.15 Coffee break & networking exercise

16.00 – 17.30 Parallel Workshops
Round 2: Funding Schemes or Impact or Recognition

20.00 Social dinner
Workshops Round 1:

Quality assurance in mobility
“Improving the quality of mobility...where do I start?“

It is clear that quality assurance (QA) is one of the most important issues and concerns when students go abroad to work and to learn. Not only in terms of safety and health, but also in terms of expectations, preparation and what the students can/will achieve in terms of competences and how they will be supervised and evaluated. This workshop will show you how to set up a quality assurance system for mobility. Or, when you already have a functioning quality assurance system in your organization, this workshop can help you in evaluating and reflecting on your own system. It is not only the tool as such which will be put in the spotlight during this workshop, but also the method: a peer learning method will be demonstrated during the workshop which uses the full potential of the participants and the quality development tool.

Moderators: Thomas Berger, Eva-Maria Kropp (Inter-research e.V – Germany), Pauline van den bosch (European Vocational Training Association – Belgium)
Case studies: Erasmus+ Quality Framework and Accreditation of Sending Organizations from the VET sector

Cooperation models for mobility
“How to build cross sectorial partnerships for learning mobility”

The workshop provides the opportunity to discover innovative models of cooperation among different stakeholders active in the field of learning mobility. The workshop presents how public authorities, business representatives, different educational providers from Higher Education, VET and Non Formal Education can establish sustainable partnership for mobility. The main objective of the workshop is to share successful case studies and promote a reflection among the participants around how educational providers can successfully foster their cooperation with business world and among different educational sectors.

Moderators: Stefano Tirati (CSCS – Italy), Rob van Wezel (KCH – The Netherlands)
Case studies: Regional Policy and International Cooperation on Learning Mobility presented by Angel Font (Generalitat de Catalunya)

Workshops Round 2:

Funding schemes for mobility
“How to benchmark and create synergies between EU programmes and national funding measures?“

In Europemobility, we have mapped over a hundred different European possible funding schemes supporting mobility in the different member states. Join our workshop on funding schemes for mobility and discuss challenges, solutions and get inspiration on how you can find more funding for your work with mobility.

Moderators: Evita Marchiori (CBE – Belgium), John Gunnarsson (European Minds – Sweden)
Case studies: Youth Guarantee and Transnational Measures presented by Emanuela Atzori (Regional Employment Agency of Sardinia Government)
Impact of mobility
“How to measure the impact of learning mobility on Learners and Host Organizations?”

The workshop will present the findings of Mobility Training Impact Evaluation conducted by the Europemobility consortium among mobile learners and host organizations as well as the research conducted by CIMO. Participants will be asked to comment upon the findings of the surveys and the studies and share their own views on the impact of mobility on learners and on hosts organizations.

Moderator: Giovanni Crisonà (CSCS – Italy)
Case studies: Impact Study conducted presented by Mika Saarinen (Director of CIMO, Erasmus+ Finnish National Agency; Impact Study conducted by Europemobility Network presented by Eva-Maria Kropp

Recognition of mobility
“Learning outcomes and European transversal competences in mobility”

The aim of the workshop is to share successful experiences, tools and methodologies for assessing, recognizing and validating learning outcomes acquired within transnational work placements and practical experiences abroad. ISFOL presents the activities accomplished in Italy by the ECVET Experts while participants have the opportunities to exchange views on solutions applicable both to formal and informal education settings.

Moderator: Geoff Scapelhorn (Efvet, Belgium)
Case studies: ECVET Italian Experts Team presented by Sveva Balduini, ISFOL; MOVET project presented by Laura Flacke, Technical University of Munich
DAY 2: 26 September 2014

Venue: Teatro Massimo, via De Magistris 12, Cagliari - SARDINIA

09.00 – 09.10  Opening and welcome by Europemobility and the Autonomous Region of Sardinia

09.10 – 09.30  The ESF Mobility Network and the Coordinated Call for transnational mobility projects for NEETs
                Italian Ministry of Labour and German Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs

09.30 – 11.00  Parallel Workshops – Round 1

•  Workshop n° 1 on IT Solutions for Mobility:
   Focus: mTransition project with mobile apps for mobility
   Guest speakers: NL Competence Centres / Q Placements
   Accreditation and management of host organizations

•  Workshop n° 2 on Entrepreneurship:
   Focus: Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs programme
   Guest speakers: European Commission, DG ENTR Christian Weinberger; SEED LAB
   Business start-ups and acceleration

•  Workshop n° 3 on Employment:
   Focus: Your First EURES Job programme
   Guest speakers: EURES Italy / Aarhus Commune
   Making European job opportunities available

•  Workshop n° 4 on Learning Resources for Mobility:
   Focus: Resilience project
   Guest speakers: Italian Youth National Agency / TDM 2000
   Personal development via non-formal education

11.00 – 11.30  Coffee break & networking exercise

11.30 – 13.00  Parallel Workshops – Round 2

Workshops n° 1, n° 2, n° 3, n° 4

13.00 – 14.00  Lunch

14.00 – 15.00  Rapporteurs from Workshops Day 1 and Day 2

15.00 – 16.00  Conference Conclusions

“From policy and strategies to solutions“
European Commission
Regional Government of Sardinia
Europemobility Network

16.00 – 17.30  Call for Action for new initiatives and Closure