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Europemobility Network Newsletter

Lifelong Learning Programme

Europemobility Network foster Learning Mobility initiatives and cooperate with many Mobility Coordinators offering support mechanisms and awareness raising campaigns

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European Video Contest for Learning Mobility www.europemobility.tv

Who can participate?

The Europemobility Video Contest is open to any European Learner who has accomplished a practical training programme, youth exchange, work placement or internship abroad, within Europe. We are looking for original and creative videos that show mobility experiences!

Candidates can make a documentary or a short presentation, about a general or a specific aspect of their stay abroad, for example: any specific personal or professional improvement, as well as their social or cultural experiences. They can use humour, music, animations and any other media source. Candidates can just be creative, while respecting the International Intellectual Property Rights.

Check the official Terms & Conditions and spread the word among your mobile learners and let them win € 500,00 or an iPad and a trip to the Award Ceremony in Paris.

Main Features

- Community** Over 70 Organizations, 16 Countries, 5.000 Work Placements Each Year
- Thematic Commissions** 5 Working Groups on Key Themes Affecting Mobility
- International Conference** 21-22 November 2012 Paris at Salon de l'Education
- Video Contest** European Wide Awareness Raising Campaign
- Quality Labels** How to Certify and Award Host Companies?



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International Community of Mobility Coordinators

Why establishing a Community for Learning Mobility?

Europemobility Network is based on the assumption that a boost on the quality and on the quality of work placements abroad is needed is we are to achieve the ambitious objectives of

Key Figures

Currently over 70 organizations have joined Europemobility Network International Community from 16 countries. Our Members are responsible for over 5.000 work placements abroad each year for overall 110.000 learner and 20.000 staff members.

Main Benefits

The Community offers many benefits. It supports you to identify partners and promote joint mobility projects, access quality work placements abroad via local educational partners, promote your hosting opportunities to foreign mobility players, discover new funding opportunities within and outside Life Long Learning Programme, and many more .. Joining is a quick and easy process and its free.

Fill in the form and the Europemobility Network Team will make your profile visible in the next issue of the Catalogue.

Meanwhile, have a look at two of our Mobility Coordinators, Carrie and Alfredo.



Alfredo Garmendia
Project Coordinator at
San Viator
Sopena, Spain

Here is his partner search:

“We are looking for partners interested in promoting learning mobility initiatives for youngsters with physical or physical disadvantages and with special learning needs.”



Caroline Townsend Jones Gower College Swansea

Gower College Swansea is a leading educational provider in Wales, active in many professional fields, such as business administration, fine arts, social work, engineering and many others. We are very focused on mentoring schemes which are offered both within our institution as well as a commercial service to external organizations, public bodies and companies.

In 2011 we have joined Europemobility Network.

Gower College Swansea is a key player in promoting entrepreneurship education and support to business start ups and from 2012 we are member of the Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs.

The partner search entry from Carrie:

We would like to send our students for 2 weeks learning mobility in some of our technical departments, aged between 16 and 19 years old. Due to very poor language take up in UK, most of our students only speak English so we should choose host organizations accordingly.

Thematic Commissions

Thematic Commissions are established as working groups responsible for different areas and domains connected with the improvement of Learning Mobility.

Europemobility Network Partners are responsible for different Thematic Commissions and working groups which are open European organizations active in the field of Learning Mobility.

Become a member of our Thematic Commissions !

Thematic commission have defined a work plan and a calendar of workshops aimed at involving a wide number of stakeholders and establishing cooperation and synergies for identifying and disseminating positive strategies and measures under a given area or a specific challenge related with planning, accomplishing and evaluating Learning Mobility

Quality

Issues to be addressed: educational and organisational aspects before, during and after mobility exchanges, innovation in mobility

Main deliverable: A Quality Toolbox, containing good practice guidelines and tools to assure quality and award quality labels in mobility

Lead Partner: EVTA; Co-Leader: inter.research

Cooperation Models

Issues to be addressed: synergy between education providers and business world; synergy between different education sectors

Main deliverable: Guidebook on Cooperation Models

Lead Partner: KCH; Co-Partner: CSCS



“Join our working groups and help us to improve together Learning Mobility”

Funding Schemes

Issues to be addressed: different and complementary mobility funding schemes; synergies between private and public funding and non EU funding

Main deliverable: Guidebook on Economic models to support learning mobility

Lead Partner: EM; Co-Partner: CBE

Impact

Issues to be addressed: dissemination, awareness raising, motivation for both students and businesses

Main deliverable: Study on the impact of learning mobility

Lead Partner: First Elements; Co-Partner: CRMA

Recognition

Issues to be addressed: the use of EU transparency tools within learning mobility, including ECVET, EQAVET, Europass Mobility

Main deliverable: Bruges Communiqué Action Plan Follow up

Lead Partner: La Ligue; Co-Partner: EfVET



International Conference Paris, 21-22 November 2012

Europemobility Network International Conferences attract relevant stakeholder from local, regional, national and European level among:

- Mobility coordinators responsible for learning mobility and work placements abroad within VET, higher education and non formal and informal education
- Businesses and businesses representatives-Sending and hosting organizations
- Local and regional authorities responsible for education
- Decision makers
- Public and private funding agencies dealing with education
- Competence centres and accreditation authorities



Europemobility Network 2012 International Conference in Paris

Europemobility Network will organize three annual International Conferences in different countries, in order to maximise the impact of the project across Europe.

The first Europemobility Network International Conference will take place on 21 November 2012 in Paris whereas the Award Ceremony of the Video Contest will be held the following day within the framework of the Salon Européen de l'Education.



The conference is hosted by La Ligue de l'enseignement

La Ligue de l'enseignement is a large non-formal and formal education network founded in 1866. Today, it gathers 1,6 Mio members in more than 30,000 associations in 102 departmental and 22 regional federations. All pursue the common aim of enabling access to education, culture and sports for everyone regardless of their age or social and ethnic background. Together, they work against all forms of inequality and encourage citizens to actively participate in society, to know and fulfill their duties and make full use of their rights in order to reinforce a democratic, humanist and social society. Its members further promote solidarity amongst citizens, sustainable development and respect for our planet.

Every year since 1998, La Ligue organises the Salon européen de l'éducation, France's largest fair on education and training. In 2011, 550,000 visitors had the possibility of meeting stakeholders from local and national authorities as well as the professional, higher and non-formal education sectors.

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Interview with the Thematic Commission on Quality

One of the Thematic Commissions of the “Europemobility Network” is centered around Quality Assurance in Mobility. This thematic Commission is led by the European Vocational Training Association (EVTA), located in Brussel and represented by Pauline van den Bosch and Institute of Interdisciplinary Research e.V. (inter.research) from Germany represented by Eva-Maria Kropp and Thomas Berger. EVTA and inter.research have extensive and complementary experiences in mobility and in quality assurance processes and they are focused respectively on Vocational Education and Training and Higher Education.

According to you, why is this Thematic Commission important?

“This collaboration between different educational sector makes the Thematic Commission rich and valuable: Lifelong learning is not related to time, place nor institutes. However, promoters of placement mobility used to stay within their sector – reflected by programmes such as Erasmus, Leonardo or Grundtvig mobility.” The Europemobility Network crosses these boundaries and work on a common objective: how to ensure both quality and quantity of placement mobility for all learners?”

Can you briefly explain what the Thematic Commission is all about?

“The Thematic Commission brings representatives from vocational, adult/non-formal and higher education on one table to collect and study existing approaches on quality and to develop common measures to ensure the quality of practical training and to increase the number of learners, who benefit from it.

“It seems that there are a lot of existing practices in quality assurance in mobility which have proven to be

effective.” The Thematic Commission intends to look at these practices more in detail and to find out why they are successful, what kind of quality assurance is addressed and how this information can be used in the context of the Europemobility Network. For example, some of the quality assurance approaches are focused on an ex-ante quality control, with the focus on the quality of placement organization, while others are more focused on the process, with the focus on supporting tools to promote quality in mobility and others on an award of excellence in an ex-post context.

This desk research” will be strengthened by “field-research” by a cycle of workshops organized to get more inputs on successful initiatives and feedback on the work of the Thematic Commission.

One of the final products will be the “Quality Toolbox”. How can people make use of this quality toolbox?

The “Quality Toolbox” is a framework which makes clear the relation and synergies between the different good practices. It is based on the “EQAVET framework” with the four phases in quality assurance: Planning, Implementation, Evaluation, Review. The idea is that quality assurance can only work when there are concrete actions established in ALL these four phases. This quality assurance model is applied for the context of mobility: for each of the four phases, criteria (“how to realize quality”) and indicators and benchmarks (“how to measure quality”) are set up. The good practices and cases are linked to each of these phases and can help the users in their challenge to improve quality and quantity in mobility.

Users can see this toolbox as a checklist: while a checklist suggests the user to “tick all items”, the quality Toolbox allows to choose and select the items which are the most appropriate for their context. “What works in one context, doesn’t necessarily works in another context.”



Europemobility Network

Join today

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 youngsters in Europe go abroad as part of their educational path. A multiplier effects is required if we are to achieve the objective of making learning mobility a reality for all.

Europemobility Network aims at establishing a strategic framework and the conditions allowing key players of learning mobility in Europe to cooperate and create synergies focused on raising quality and quantity of work placements abroad.

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Tøger Kyvsgaard

Copenhagen Technical College have joined Europemobility Network in 2011.

With over 4.000 full time students and nearly 300 learning mobility initiatives, Copenhagen Technical College is one of the key players of learning mobility in Denmark

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