

Invitation

Erasmus+ Contact Seminar on Vocational Education and Training

WORKBASED LEARNING IN VET

Reykjavík, Iceland 14 – 16 January 2015

Host

The seminar is organised through an informal cooperation forum of the Erasmus+ National Agencies in the Nordic and Baltic countries as well as the Irish. The seminar will be held in Reykjavík, Iceland and the formal Host is Rannís, The Icelandic National Agency for Erasmus+ Programme. The seminar will start by dinner and introduction on Wednesday 14 January and closing Friday afternoon, 16 January.

Theme

Unemployment of young people is a growing problem in many European countries. The importance of increased cooperation between schools and the world of work has been highlighted in that regard and workbased learning and apprenticeship emphasised in many countries and by the European Commission. This emphasis is also clearly visible in objectives and priorities defined in the Erasmus+guide for the 2015 calls.

The focus will be on companies and their role in enhancing quality and quantity of work based learning. Various ideas can be discussed during the seminar, i.e. integrating WBL into more study programmes, how to use mobility better to integrate WBL in studies, measures to improve the quality of WBL and ways to enhance the participation of enterprises in WBL learning.

The seminar will address both KA1 and KA2 type of projects.

Programme

This is a contact seminar and the main objective is to prepare Erasmus+ applications on workbased learning in VET. The aim is to bring together people that have direct links to the topic and are prepared for European cooperation and give them an opportunity to find partners for future cooperation and to develop good project ideas. All participants will be asked to send in information about themselves and their institutions as well as project ideas before the seminar. Networking activities as well as group work will be emphasised in the programme.





There will also be an input on the theme from experts. The opportunities of the Erasmus+ programme will be introduced, both mobility projects and strategic partnerships as well as advise on how to write a good application. National agency staff will be available for advice and support.

Target group

Planned number of participants is 70. The target group includes participants from, VET schools (teachers, leaders and international officers) and general VET sector; enterprises and other stakeholder groups.

Working Language

The working language of the contact seminar will be English.

Costs, registration

The seminar fee is EUR 700.-Included is accommodation for 3 nights, meals and social programme organised as a part of the seminar. Participants must apply through National Agencies in each country. Deadline for application is 5 December 2014.

Further information

Please find further information on the conferences webpage: http://www.erasmusplus.is/menntun/contact-seminar-VET/

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