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The mission of Vratsa Software Community is to build an IT community which through quality education gives people in Vratsa the opportunity to have challenging and well-paid jobs as software developers in their hometown. Here is a [link](http://school.vratsasoftware.com/en/) to our site

What we want to do is continue our training program for the next two years by applying for [Erasmus+ project](http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/actions/vet-business-partnerships-apprenticeshipswork-based-learning_en) as a VET provider.

We conduct a 9-month training courses in programing for both php and java. We need a budget of ~ 50,000 euros total . Also, we would like to provide internships for the best of our trainees so they can continue their path in the IT industry.

The overall aim of the Call is to bridge the gap between the worlds of education and business, to improve the relevance of education and training for labour market needs, and to raise excellence. The grant amount is between 250,000 and 350,000 euros. The deadline for submission is 17/01/2017.

What we are looking for is an international partner: a small, medium or large company, local or regional authority, a chamber of industry, trade and crafts, or a similarly relevant sectoral/professional organisation.

We are quite consensual and flexible. There is an option you can hire a subcontractor if you need anything specific. Also, we can offer IT services and support for your initiatives. We hope we can start a beneficial partnership.

If you are interested please contact us at school@vratsasoftware.com and tonko@vratsasoftware.com

We offer you a quick resume of the project:

# **Programme: KA3 – VET-Business Partnerships on Work-based learning and Apprenticeships**

Project duration: 24 months

Project partners: Vratsa Software Community

Main objective: The main aim of the project is to build a sustainable network of micro, small and medium IT enterprises and enhance their competitiveness by providing training support and sharing good practices and resources.

Specific objectives:

· To provide EU micro, small and medium IT companies with educational support and resources

· To decrease unemployment and create challenging and well-paid jobs in smaller cities

· To provide the business with labor that fit their needs

· To increase the awareness about the opportunities the IT industry has to offer

Target groups:

· Micro, small and medium size IT companies

· High school students, unemployed youth , long term unemployed

The project is aimed at two major target groups – micro, small and medium size IT companies and people willing to pursue a career in the field of IT. The IT sector is in constant need of work force . At the same time there are a lot of unemployed people who face difficulties in finding a relevant and well paid job. Through education we can close the gap between business and workers.

Main results and products:

· Conducting IT training courses – providing IT companies with work force

· Curriculum - Creating curriculum with the necessary prerequisites for taking the course, objectives of the course, key competencies and the content of the course

· IT Hub – creating a website where participants can cooperate and exchange resources

· Guidelines for VET providers. The Guidelines will be a short methodological document leading VET providers through the developed training content.

The activities of the project are organized in 5 work packages with specified achievement indicators for each of them:

WP1 Management and coordination

WP2 Traineeship programs

WP3 Networking and cooperation structures in the field of education and business development

WP4 Exploitation and Dissemination