

Europemobility Network

Raising Quality and Quantity of Work Placements in Europe

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09:30

Welcome and Introduction to Europemobility Network

Giovanni Crisonà, President of CSCS
David Lopez, Secretary General of EUCIS LLL

10:00

Plenary Session

What is international experience to working life?

Katriina Lammi-Rajapuro, CIMO, Finnish National Agency for LLP

10:15

Cooperation Models with Quality Host Companies

Philippe Perfetti, EuroApprenticeship

10:30

Online Platform and Tools for Mobility Coordinators

Stefano Tirati, CSCS

10:45 Coffee Break

11:10

The New Generation of Mobility Programmes

Antoine Godbert, French National Agency for LLP

11:30

Workshop Session 1

Workshop 1 – Quality Toolbox and the Benchmarking Club
Workshop 2 – ECVET in Learning Mobility
Choose one session. See Annex for detailed descriptions

13:00 Lunch Break

14:00

Workshop Session 2

Workshop 3 – Study on the Impact of Learning Mobility
Workshop 4 – Validation of Informal Learning in Mobility Contexts
Workshop 5 – Comparing Funding Schemes
Choose one session. See Annex for detailed descriptions

15:30 Coffee Break

16:00

Market Place

Speed Dating, Partner Search, Cooperation Match and much more

16:45 - 17:30

Round Table: Roles of Stakeholders in Learning Mobility

Adalgisa Maurizio, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Klara Buryskova, Masaryk University, Czech Republic
Martin Huizinga, Zadkine Centrum, The Netherlands
Concetta Fonzo, National Centre Euroguidance Italy
Filipa Curto, CECOA, Portugal
Nathalie Brahimi, OZENNE, France

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Location

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Visit of the Salon européen de l'éducation

Intercultural games at the "Place de l'Europe"

11:00 Award Ceremony

11:00

European Video Contest on Learning Mobility

Award for the best 3 videos selected by the International Jury

11:30

European Video Contest on Learning Mobility

Award for the best 3 videos selected by the Online Voters

12:00

Closure of the Award Ceremony

Free visit of the Salon

Location

**Salon européen
de l'éducation**

Parc des Expositions

Porte de Versailles

1 place de Versailles

75015 PARIS

Métro 12

Tram 3 : Porte de Versailles

Registration

Please fill in the attached registration form or

Register online at www.europemobility.eu

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

Europemobility Network is open to the VET, higher and non-formal education sectors.

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WORKSHOP 1

Quality Toolbox and the Benchmarking Club

For Whom?

Lifelong learning means that boundaries related to time, place, biography, institutional setting and forms of learning are dissolving. Promoters of placement mobility used to stay within their educational sector. However new network initiatives such as the Europemobility attempt to cross the boundaries and work on a common objective: “How to ensure both quality and quantity of placement mobility for all learners?”

The Europemobility Thematic Commission of quality in mobility 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

Why ?

The purpose of the workshop on “quality in mobility” is twofold:

On the one hand, via presentation, discussion and other interactive working methods, the participants will become familiar with the work of the thematic commission on quality assurance, especially with the “Quality Observatory and Toolbox”.

On the other hand, the first benchmarking club meeting will take place among practitioners in mobility with the aim of looking at ‘what really counts in mobility’ such as the visibility of extra-competences gained during a placement period abroad.

Workshop facilitators

*Pauline van der Bosch, European Vocational Training Association (EVTA), Belgium
Thomas Berger, inter.research e.V., Germany*

EVTA

EVTA is a European vocational training network comprised of 18 members from 12 European countries acting in vocational training, representing national training and employment services. Its mission is to support its members in their respective initiatives to the challenges of growth, competitiveness and social cohesion in the field of vocational training and LLL.

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inter.research e.V. works in the field of Computer Mediated Education and university/ enterprise mobility. In cooperation with the University of Fulda, it operates the central coordination and contact point for EU Placements of a network of 11 universities. The Institute furthermore acts as a research support for the University of Fulda and runs online courses, which form part of the learning environment of inter-national placements.



WORKSHOP 2

ECVET in Learning Mobility

For Whom?

An increasing number of VET providers are promoting mobility exchanges adopting ECVET as term of reference. Learning mobility may consist in study abroad programmes or in a work experience in a different country.

Both scenarios require a strong cooperation between business world and educational providers in order to define curricula and learning outcomes and thus making work placement abroad more transparent. Mutual trust is an important part in this discussion.

The workshop is addressed to companies and educational providers interested in and committed to foster their cooperation in order to successfully adopt ECVET within both learning mobility contexts.

Why ?

The objective of the workshop is to highlight the challenges and the opportunities and benefits of ECVET in mobility experiences, either as study abroad or as work placements abroad.

The workshop focuses on how VET providers and companies can cooperate to define, apply and assess learning outcomes. Based on the assumption that ECVET can make mobility experiences more transparent and transferable to different learning contexts, the workshop will give the opportunity to highlight the prerequisites and the conditions required by companies and by educational providers to ensure smooth and successful implementation.

Workshop facilitators

*Elena Hage, KCH International, The Netherlands
Stefano Tirati, CSCS, Italy*

KCH International - Centre of Expertise for Vocational Education and Training

KCH works in collaboration with companies, trade organizations and the vocational training sector. KCH ensures that the training courses are correctly geared to the relevant occupations and the requirements of the labour market. To this end, KCH conducts labour market research and develops and maintains the national qualification structure for existing and new occupations in the trade sector. KCH also develops examinations for the various vocational training courses. In addition, KCH is statutorily responsible for the quantity and quality of work placement opportunities in retail and wholesale companies.

CSCS

Europemobility is an initiative of CSCS.

CSCS is a vocational training provider, accredited by Italian Government and operating with a Quality Assurance System in the following sectors: Initial vocational education; Apprenticeship; Continuous training for companies and professionals; Vocational guidance and orientation. CSCS is the National Representative for Italy of EFVET. CSCS have developed a number of initiatives to promote the integration of new technologies into teaching practices. Active in the field of student and staff mobility, with its division www.italymobility.com, CSCS supportis European educational providers to effectively plan and implement work placements in abroad, offering language and culture courses, logistic assistance, tutoring and monitoring services. CSCS manage publications and electronic newsletters and ensures the cooperation with a strong network of partners, ranging from vocational training bodies, association of companies, unions. CSCS is Lead Intermediary Organization of the Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs Programme since 2008.

WORKSHOP 3

Impact of Learning Mobility

For Whom?

Recent studies have confirmed to a great extent what academic institutions, hosting organisations and mobility scheme participants understood from their own experience. Learning mobility: contributes to personal development by boosting people's skills and employability breaks down barriers between people and groups

Increases respect for diversity

Promotes language learning

Provides opportunities for collaboration among enterprises, educational institutions and research organizations
This workshop is addressed to policy makers, academic institutions, hosting organisations and learning mobility participants who are interested in further research regarding the impact of mobility schemes and would like to contribute to the discussion concerning the aspects of learning mobility schemes that should be further investigated.

Why ?

Further research findings will constitute powerful tools in the hands of policy makers focusing on mobility schemes which can be used for improving and enhancing existing policies. Furthermore, learning mobility supporters will be equipped with substantial evidence with regards to the benefits of learning mobility that can be used for advocating effectively for the expansion of such initiatives.

Workshop facilitator

Eleni Sophocleous, First Elements Euroconsultants Ltd , Cyprus

First Elements Euroconsultants (FE)

FE offers a wide range of consultancy services to academic institutions, vocational education and training centres, business incubators, Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs), Non-governmental Organisations (NGOs) and the public sector. FE has accumulated extensive expertise in the educational field through the implementation of vocational educational trainings for business incubator managers, young would-be entrepreneurs, female entrepreneurs, teachers in secondary education and for the personnel of local authorities, NGOs, trade unions, tertiary academic institutions and semi-governmental organizations. Furthermore, FE provides overall guidance, support and coordination to more than 100 Intermediary Organisations all over Europe for the programme Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs.



WORKSHOP 4

Validation of Non- and Informal Learning in Mobility Contexts

For Whom?

Existing validation and certification systems (EUROPASS, EQF, ECVET and ECTS) are rather focusing on formally acquired, cognitive learning outcomes and do not provide substantial evidence on “personal and social competences”. However, especially those transversal competences – amongst others for instance “customer orientation”, “learning to learn”, “intercultural communication”, “teamwork” are of increasing importance in a mobile society. Still, the validation of personal and social competences acquired in mobility learning is rather unknown territory.

The project VILMA (Validation of Informal Learning in Mobility Actions), carried out by the REVEAL group between 2011 and 2012, has been working in this field. After a thorough investigation of available approaches on validation of personal and social competences acquired in mobility learning, the consortium developed a modular system to assess and evidence those competences in different mobility actions.

The instrument, based on the LEVEL5 system, has been piloted in a series of twelve European mobility actions ranging from the higher education sector (Erasmus), the VET sector (the German IdA programme) to volunteering projects (adult education sector).

This workshop is addressed to policy makers, National Agencies, academic institutions, hosting and sending organisations and learning mobility participants who are interested to learn more about how personal and social competences can be assessed and evidenced.

Why ?

The objective of the workshop is to highlight the value of personal, social and organisational competences acquired in mobility learning. Against the background of the current discussion on validation of learning outcomes the LEVEL5 approach will be presented and applied in the workshop.

Questions to be answered

- What is the impact of mobility learning in regards to the development of social and personal competences?*
- How can the acquisition of those competences be evidenced?*
- How can these competences be highlighted in the European certification instruments?*

Workshop facilitators

*David Lopez, La Ligue de l'enseignement, France
Tim Scholze, REVEAL, Germany*

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 fulfil their duties and make full use of their rights in order to reinforce a democratic, humanist and social society. La Ligue represents its members in several European and international platforms such as SOLIDAR, the European Civil Society Platform on Lifelong Learning and the European Civic Forum.

REVEAL

REVEAL is a trans-national group of European experts and practitioners working in 25 organisations from 22 European member states collaborating in the field of validation of informal and non-formal learning. In the framework of five EU-funded projects between 2005 and 2012 the REVEAL community has been developing a unique validation approach specifically designed for informally acquired competences and personal and social skills and competences. REVEAL offers counseling and training services in regard to validation of social and personal key competences in different fields of informal learning (e.g. mobility, volunteering, internships, learning on the job, mentoring etc.)

WORKSHOP 5

Comparing Funding Schemes

For whom?

In the framework of Europe 2020 strategy international mobility is becoming one of the key-point to revive the European economy, creating smart, sustainable, inclusive growth and dealing with the problem of youth unemployment.

However, the challenge of enhancing youth and adult mobility carries important financial implications. Raising learning mobility will require higher financial resources. This means that in a period of economic crisis, with its consequent severe public budget constraints, we need a greater shared financial responsibility among all stakeholders, as already reflected in the Bruges communiqué regarding the VET sector.

Why?

The objective of the Thematic Commission on Funding schemes is to show how the existing funding schemes work, to improve their functioning and to raise the cooperation between private and public sector in the field of transnational learning mobility.

The objective of the workshop is to share experiences on funding schemes of organizations coming from different backgrounds.

What are the limits or the good practices that educational providers or mobility coordinators have experienced?

What additional sources of funding can be found outside the dedicated European Mobility programs – private funding as well as other public or EU-funding?

The European Social Fund as a mean for mobility for employability – practical experiences from Germany and Sweden.

Workshop facilitator

*Göran Sjöberg and John Gunnarsson, European Minds
Evita Marchiori, CBE, Belgium*

European Minds

European Minds offers support in developing EU strategies, EU applications, transnational projects and partnerships. We also deliver project support services like monitoring and ongoing evaluation. European Minds is responsible in Sweden at national level for the technical assistance office of European Social Fund Transnational Measures. European Minds is the largest independent EU consulting company in Sweden with more than fifteen years' experience from working in the EU arena. This gives us a unique understanding of the structures and the processes of the EU organisation. European Minds Sweden is firmly rooted in a transnational context, thus helping enterprises, organisations and authorities to recognise the opportunities of a European and indeed international co-operative approach. Emphasis is laid upon knowledge and competence, network and contacts, project development and management, business ideas and financing. For us, it is utterly important to bring added value to the processes at hand and to give a relevant informative perspective on transnational co-operation. Based on the experience from fifteen years of transnational cooperation, European Minds has a worldwide network that includes partners in all member countries and organisations being part of the European Union. The main office is located in Lulea, the capital city of the northernmost region of Sweden, but you will also find our offices in seven other cities in Sweden.

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