



# ***HOW TO SET UP EFFECTIVE COLLABORATION BETWEEN EMPLOYERS AND VET-PROVIDERS ?***

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## AN OVERVIEW OF THE PROJECT:

- ITS 2017-1-MT01-KA102-026851 Project was initiated in June 2017. It specifically deals with the mobility of students and staff and it was introduced in order to give both students and staff the opportunity to go on Erasmus+ experience abroad with the aim to learn and acquire new experience.

## TARGET GROUPS AND OUTCOMES

- For this project, there were 2 main target groups: VET Diploma Students and Staff. Diploma Students who are during their 2<sup>nd</sup> Year of their Diploma course have to embark on a one year work traineeship abroad as part of their curriculum. Those students who went to MTA London benefitted from Erasmus+ funds due to not having a wage.

## TARGET GROUPS AND OUTCOMES

- Both Academic and Administrative staff had the opportunity to go abroad from various calls issued by ITS to different hosts in order to take an overview of how the different departments related to their area of work operate and transmit this new knowledge to their colleagues back at ITS and ensure the best possible learning experience for students.

## TARGET GROUPS AND OUTCOMES

- Students who embarked on this 1 year internship abroad gained new knowledge and practical skills which helped them to gain experience and a higher opportunity to be able to find work once they graduate. Additionally they have also earned a high level of independence and a sense of maturity.

## COLLABORATION WITH EMPLOYERS AND VET PROVIDERS:

- ITS have many partners in order to ensure the sharing of good practices between ITS Staff and students together with international partners. ITS is always open for new partners in order to send/receive staff and students. Currently the Institute has Bilateral Agreements with hosts such as universities and hotels from Spain, UK and France. ITS welcomes loads of staff from Universities with the intention of expanding relations with ITS in order to be able to send students and staff from both ends.

## COLLABORATION WITH EMPLOYERS AND VET PROVIDERS:

- As for VET traineeships, the International Internship Office is the first contact point as it is in charge of finding and negotiating internships for students. The Internship Office and the VET Coordinator is in constant contact with the Employer via e-mails, skype and telephone in order to make sure that the that all the necessary documents are being taken care of and the procedure is running smoothly.

## THE ROLE OF ECVET:

- The ECVET is the credit system adopted by ITS as a Vocational Institute. Upon successful completion of the placement students will receive 60 ECTS/ECVET credits for their internship as part of their course at ITS. They will also be required to produce the Certificate of Attendance covering their training period abroad.



## OBSTACLES OF THE COLLABORATION BETWEEN EMPLOYERS AND VET PROVIDERS:

- ITS was very lucky enough to have encountered no obstacles or if so, very minor ones which were easily resolved. This is due to constant contact with partners in order to ensure transparency and that everything is going to plan with the aim of the students learning outcomes being successfully achieved.

## LESSONS LEARNT: ANY RECOMMENDATIONS OR PRACTICAL INFORMATION FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO REPLICATE/USE THE APPROACH OF YOUR PROJECT.

- As for recommendations, the number one rule is to be ALWAYS open to new partners as these broaden your horizons and to be in ALWAYS contact with VET providers/employers.