



PARTNER SEARCH FOR KA-2 ERASMUS+ STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

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E-Learning for VET Trainers, Educators and Human Resources Specialists

Trends, Tools and Networking for Synchronous and Asynchronous Distance Learning

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Do you utilize distance learning mechanisms to impart knowledge on a targeted audience? Do you work in a school, training center or other institution that utilizes the latest tools and methodologies that support online learning? Are you interested in acquiring skills as outlined in UNESCO's Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) Competency Framework for Teaching (CFT)? If the answer is yes to any or all these questions, please read about our proposed programming seeking partners for the upcoming Erasmus+ call for KA2 Strategic Partnerships and get in touch with us at your earliest convenience.

WHO WE ARE: Global Skills Network scp is a network of experts in transnational programming that leads toward innovation in the fields of education and training based in Barcelona, Catalonia, Spain. We specialize in international projects management. Our purpose is to facilitate the participation of organizations and educational institutions taking part in Erasmus+ programming. We have been working with European Commission Lifelong Learning Programmes since 2003, previously with Leonardo da Vinci and Grundtvig and now with Erasmus+ in Professionals in Vocational Education and Training (VETPRO) and other projects that aim to support transnational mobility of persons responsible for vocational training, primary and secondary education, and human resources.

AIMS OF THE PROJECT: Facilitate the learning of distance learning concepts and trends while gaining proficiency in methodologies and tools for synchronous and asynchronous distance learning, with focus on UNESCO ICT CFT. The outcomes include provoking a self-assessment of the type of online learning platform needs schools, VET centers and other training institutions and organizations have to proceed according to educational content and target groups

ACTIVITIES: This partnership for training and exchange of experience is organized after a preliminary preparation of the participants in the European educational mobility in information and communication technologies' vocational training and UNESCO's ICT CFT. Preliminary

preparation is done online before the realisation of the meetings,. The Kick-Off meeting will be a mobility to Barcelona, Catalonia, Spain to develop a training manual and coursework participants can take back to their home countries. This process combines theory with practical exercises and professional visits to vocational training centers, schools, universities and government development centers that supporting distance learning.

STUDY MATERIAL: Excerpted texts, case studies, articles, videos and other preparatory material will be either accessed online or downloaded from the VETPRO Training portal, located at www.ErasmusActions.org.

OVERVIEW: The project's training course will present trends and tools for synchronous, asynchronous and blended distance learning. It will provoke self-assessment of what type of online learning platform the project's participants need to proceed according to educational content, target groups and development plans. The course is designed to prepare online trainers and to facilitate the decision-makers to adopt significant improvements in the quality and the attractiveness of training via distance learning. Participants will be expected to produce a final product in the form of a unique project in the online platform for VET. These will be presented and critiqued in small group discussion format. Each participant will also be expected to create, update and fill with content an electronic portfolio (e-portfolio) they can bring with them upon their return to their home country.

COURSE DELIVERY: This course is delivered via asynchronous online systems and tools, synchronous instruction, seminar-format training workshops, and professional visits. **ENGLISH IS THE LANGUAGE OF THIS PROJECT.** An interpreter will accompany the group on their professional visits to translate from Spanish or Catalan to English. The course is structured around various modules found within the Modules section of the VETPRO portal. The overview page for each module describes all expectations and activities associated with that module.

COURSE ASSIGNMENTS: This section provides a brief overview of assignments associated with the course. Because of the asynchronous nature of preparation prior to the mobility, active

individual and group participation is essential. Each participant must come prepared for the mobility by making every effort to be proactive in posting, reading, and collaborating if you wish to do well in the course. The success of the project for the entire group of partners rests on the engagement and participation of all its members. During the course of the project, participants will develop an electronic portfolio (eportfolio) to demonstrate the learning taking place during this course, as well as the skills acquired during the coursework and the mobility to Barcelona. This eportfolio is personalised to each participant's needs and will become part of the Europass credentialing.

COORDINATION MEETINGS: Four meetings will take place throughout the course of the project. The Kick-Off meeting and Final Meeting will be held in Barcelona. The two other meetings will be scheduled at later in the process.

DURATION: 24 months (2 years), starting in the spring of 2017.

PARTNERS: We are looking for 4-5 partners, including VET trainers and other specialists. If you would like to apply to join the project as a partner, please fill out the application form and return it to info@ErasmusActions.com. Questions concerning the project can also be sent to this email that is monitored by Global Skills Network staff.



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