



ULIXES EEIG

Information sheet

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ULIXES European Economic Interest Group

The mission of Ulixes is to anticipate and accompany the economic development through the fostering of local, national, European and international networks for the promotion of research, training and educational programs

To fulfil this mission Ulixes will provide assistance in:

1. The pooling of information, expertise, knowledge and resources in order to increase its members' performance.
2. Supporting local, national, European and international development in the fields of Human Resources and economic growth for their mutual enrichment.
3. Initiating and promoting the Ulixes EEIG image and representation on the local, national, European and international levels for a stronger awareness of its role in the field of global partnership.
4. The development of programs designed to facilitate mutual exchanges at all levels, including students, personnel, institutions and thus encourage international understanding and mobility.
5. The raising of funding from both public and private sources to provide the means to fulfil its mission.

ULIXES is dedicated to the development and delivery of high quality, innovative transnational programmes of Vocational Training and Research and Technology, utilising the skills and experience of its constituent members to develop a European response to the problems and challenges facing the future development of Human Resources.

All the member of ULIXES have many years of experience of working together and of cooperation with the European Commission in the design and implementation of Training and Research and Technology programmes, in particular those aimed at young people, disadvantaged groups and those seeking to re-enter the labour market.

ULIXES provides services to members: therefore, Ulixes itself does not apply for any call for proposals or tender. Rather, it helps members in finding suitable partners and preparing the application package. Since its foundation in 1994, Ulixes members have been successful in over 60 projects, worth over 12 million Euro.

Each member of the consortium has been involved in one or more of the following European Commission initiatives in recent years : ERDF, ESF, Interreg, Erasmus+, LLP 2207-2013 (Leonardo Da Vinci, Grundtvig, Erasmus, Comenius), Equal, Art.6 Innovative Actions, CIP/Eco-Innovation, EU-USA, EU Atlantis, EuropeAID, etc..

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SELECTED PROJECTS

The following list provides for a short description of successful projects involving two or more Ulixes members currently performing, or performed in recent years.

European Commission – DG Education and Culture – EACEA
Erasmus + - KA2 Strategic Partnerships

Developing Innovation AGents for SMEs – DIGAS

Lead by Ulixes member Tietgen, DIGAS develops tools favouring work placements of young graduates in “weak” disciplines (e.g. philosophy, theology, etc.), by delivering full-time training programmes –in strict co-operation with businesses– in order to equip them with competences most required by the labour market, especially by SMEs.

Training focuses among the rest on cross-culture, strategies for internationalisation, evaluation of market potential, business expansion on foreign markets.

Value: 243.000 €

Duration: 2014-2016

<http://digas-project.info/index.html>

European Commission – DG Education and Culture – EACEA
Erasmus + - KA2 Strategic Partnerships

Simple Open Learning Advancement – SOLA

Lead by Ulixes member BBRZ-Gruppe, the project aims at training a team of trainers in each partner organisation, able to develop, exploit and share OER (Open Education Resources) didactic material, especially regarding sustainable tourism (basics of sustainable tourism, rural sustainable tourism, CRM and sustainable tourism).

Project activities include:

- setting up a pilot team of trainers in each partner organisation;
- development of “open” material;
- development of train-the trainers material;
- testing on a sample of students in each partner organisation.

Value: 221.000 €

Duration: 2014-2016

European Commission – DG Education and Culture – EACEA
Erasmus + - KA2 Strategic Partnerships

Shared expertise in provision of adult education in 5 European countries – SHAPE

Lead by Finnish company Keuda group, the project exploits 5 intensive seminars for training and sharing good practices in 6 key issues relating to Higher VET, Continuous VET and Adult Training. In turn, each partner acts as a “source” of good practices and contents to others.

Selected topics are:

- Slovenia: professional development of trainers
- Denmark: trainers qualifications and their impact on adult training
- Italy: EQAVET and internal quality assurance in HVET, CVET and adult training
- France: key competences and entrepreneurship
- Finland (2 topics): programmes for upskilling young adults; vocational qualifications competence-based as an effective and efficient way to train adults.

Value: 172.000 €

Duration: 2014-2016

European Commission – DG Education and Culture – EACEA

Erasmus + - KA2 Strategic Partnerships

Appraising transversal skills in green jobs for employability of youth and workers in restructuring processes – ACROSS

The project delivers 6 outputs:

1. a "toolkit" for exploitation of best practices;
2. a full model to link key and cross/soft competences to "green" jobs;
3. a tool for assessing cross/soft competences;
4. a tool for guidance and employability in "green" jobs;
5. a tool for anticipation of needs for green competences in companies;
6. piloting the above with students and trainers.

Activities include relevant networking actions and multiplier events either at a local and EU level.

Value: 420.000 €

Duration: 2015-2017

European Commission – DG Education and Culture – EACEA

Erasmus + - KA2 Strategic Partnerships

Youthcoach

The project transfers, adapts and implements good practices against drop-outs in VET, by developing and validating key and cross competences, especially entrepreneurship.

A toolbox for trainers is a main project deliverable, aimed at empowering trainers as true coaches to youngsters and young adults.

Value: 279.000 €

Duration: 2014-2016

European Commission – DG Enterprise and Industry

Erasmus for young entrepreneurs

ULIXES' EYES

A cross-border business exchange project aimed at helping new or would-be entrepreneurs to acquire the relevant skills for managing a small or medium-sized enterprise by spending time at firms of experienced entrepreneurs in another EU state. The project's goal is to help improve entrepreneurship, internationalization and competitiveness of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises.

Duration: 2008-2015 (successful in 5 subsequent editions)

European Commission – DG Education and Culture

Lifelong Learning Programme – Leonardo da Vinci Networks

DOCTAE – Development of key Competencies for Training Antennas in Europe

Network of education and training professionals sharing the following activities:

Survey of up-to-date EU sources on quality of VET trainers' competences and qualifications and transnational analysis of trainers' competences needs

Profiling of the European Training Antenna (EUTA), that is a teacher or a trainer facilitating the adoption of European strategies, tools and information to students, colleagues and policy makers, and definition of the EUTA's Certificate, a reference framework for the validation of the competences' standard to be promoted at transnational level

Development and testing of a Multilanguage training pathways for EUTA, organized in 2 main areas: new competences (intercultural dialogue, participation, citizenship, teaching creativity, etc.) and European awareness (institutions, policies, decisional processes, working with European funds, etc.)

Value: 482.000 €

Duration: 2007 – 2010

<http://www.doctae.eu/>

European Commission – DG Education and Culture

Lifelong Learning Programme – Leonardo Da Vinci Transfer of Innovation

TEEUP – Teachers, Employees, Employers Understanding Processes

The aim of this project is to investigate VETS/Trainers working with SMEs in relation to the delivery of programmes/courses/training methodologies and processes used in relation to migrants and mobile workers, through the investigation of a common set of competences for Vocational Educational teachers and trainers (VETs) which can be eventually transferred to partnerships with Small, Medium Enterprises (SMEs) directed at the use of the “best practice” training methodologies for mobile workers and/or migrants.

Value: 395.000 €

Duration: 10/2008 – 10/2010

<http://www.teeup.eu>

European Commission – DG Education and Culture

Lifelong Learning Programme – Leonardo Da Vinci development of Innovation

NEW DEAL - New employee development and learning: technological methods and tools in favour of the professional development of new employees

NEWDEAL develops a concrete and structured web platform to follow the professional development of new employees, providing evidence of all work-based learning. NEWDEAL aims at promoting integration between learning and working, enabling trainers and companies to monitor and manage the process of matching competences required by enterprises with competences developed/possessed by new employees.

Value: 487.065 €

Period: 2012 – 2014

<http://newdealproject.net>

European Commission – DG Education and Culture

Lifelong Learning Programme – Leonardo Da Vinci

K-Competencies - New Key Competencies in business for integrating LifeLong Learning within an enlarged Europe

Project managed in collaboration with Manpower for the promotion of lifelong learning through the definition of common standards for new key competencies that all EU citizens should possess, in fields such as: knowledge of the English language, entrepreneurial, intercultural, civil and social skills, etc. Development of on-line training paths and learning assessment tools relative to the skills in question.

Value: 547,000 €

Period: 2004 – 2007

<http://net.ifo.it/manpower-kcom/>

European Commission – DG Education and Culture

LLP - Leonardo da Vinci – Transfer of Innovation

PATRON – Intergenerational learning and transfer of transversal skills related to entrepreneurial management

Identification and testing of ways to transfer the skills that senior managers and entrepreneurs have developed in their working life to young entrepreneurs and managers. Practices are transferred to the beneficiaries and outputs are transferred to the countries of the partnership aiming at a multiplying effect through the involvement of local entrepreneurs and Chambers of Commerce.

Value: 394.711 €

Period: 2007 – 2009

<http://www.patronproject.org>

European Commission – DG Employment, Social Affairs, Equal Opportunities

ESF – Art. 6 Innovative Actions

ACTING – Active Ageing for Competencies Transfer and Training

Development and testing of methodologies and practices with the aim to preserve, enhance and transfer the heritage of professional competences of older workers within the enterprises; to promote seniors' adaptability and employability by their re-qualification on new and innovative competencies; to raise the awareness of the potential of older workers and of the policies on active ageing by institutional and socio-economic actors. Selected by the European Commission as a best practice at the "1st Forum on the demographic future of Europe", in Brussels on 30-31 October 2006.

Value: 1.130.000 €

Period: 2005-2007

<http://net.ifo.it/acting>

European Commission – DG Employment, Social Affairs, Equal Opportunities

ESF – Art. 6 Innovative Actions

EUROPROFILES – Certification of pan-European profiles in the Information Society

Development of innovative ICT training paths, certifiable at European level, with the participation of the largest companies in the sector (IBM, Cisco, Nokia, Wind, Microsoft, Alcatel), trade unions (Assinform, CGIL Training and Research Federation), transnational partnerships (France, Great Britain), and other institutional partners including the Lombardy Region.

In 2004 this project was considered a European "good practice" by many bodies including CEDEFOP, ISFOL, etc.

Value: 910.000 €

Period: 2001–2003

<http://www.ifo.it/europrofiles>

European Commission – DG Education and Culture

EU MATE - Encourage Mobility of Apprentices Throughout Europe

Elaboration and testing of a mobility pattern programme for apprentices and young people in initial vocational training. Activities of: information and awareness raising of the stakeholders; definition and testing of a mobility scheme; dissemination and framework agreement between the actors involved.

Value: 182.467 €

Period: 2006-2007

<http://net.ifo.it/eumate/>

European Commission – EuropeAid Office

AENEAS - Programme for financial and technical assistance to third countries in the area of migration and asylum

Fit for Europe – Training for a Positive Migration

General objective of the project, promoted by the Chamber of Commerce of Oviedo (ES), is to improve the legal migration from Morocco, Cape Verde and Senegal towards Italy and Spain, as well as to increase awareness about legal immigration advantages and illegal immigration consequences in countries of origin. The specific objective is to verify and increase the Training Centres and Chambers' skills in giving correct information, support and training in the origin countries, in order to assure a suitable training for the potential emigrants towards EU, especially towards Italy and Spain. Another objective is to improve local administration's skills in maximizing emigration benefits for immigrants, through homecoming, circular migration and the investment of the funds sent back home.

Value: 800.000 €

Period: 2008-2011

<http://www.fitforeurope.net>

European Commission – DG Education and Culture

Grundtvig Programme

INTERCULTOOL

A contribution in 5 countries (Sweden, Hungary, Italy, Netherlands, UK), to the preparation of professionals for the management of cultural diversity situations within their field (business, public and not for profit) and their society and to the recognition and introduction of intercultural competence in VET through elaboration of a framework model, adapting an assessment tool on intercultural competence to better understand and measure the training needs of different target groups.

Value: 393.313 €

Period: 2007 – 2009

<http://www.intercultool.eu>