



“Association of Quality Intermediary Organizations Fostering Mobility in Europe“

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What is the project about?

Mobility is part of the flexibility considered important for the European labour force. Transnational mobility for vocational education and training (VET) for the purpose of acquiring new skills, is one of the fundamental ways through which individuals, particularly young people, can strengthen their future employability as well as their personal development (European Commission 2009).

The IntoQuality project will develop a Quality Assurance System (QAS) for intermediary organizations involved in VET mobilities. The QAS is intended to overcome the lack of transparency in practices and prices and the lack of common rules and indicators for quality assurance of the provided service, which are barriers to start up cooperation with new partners. In this way, the project will strive to set the grounds for establishing well-founded and defined criteria to estimate the value and credibility of the main actors involved in mobilities.

The IntoQuality project also intends to develop a smart interactive monitoring application which allows participants of a mobility to share their experience in real time on a daily basis with their sending institution/mentors/schools etc. The application will serve as a digital diary for the participants in the mobility prompting them what they can do each day of the mobility, asking them to evaluate different aspects of the mobility and thus allowing for continuous improvement of the experience.

Kick-off meeting in Foligno, Italy



The kick-off meeting of the IntoQuality project took place on 10th and 11th of January 2017 in Foligno, Italy, and was hosted by European Grants International Academy (EGInA). During this meeting, the partners together established a detailed work plan for the project based on the application. The objectives of the project, the Intellectual Outputs, activities and the roles of the partners were discussed. The Italian and German partner presented the Quality Assurance System developed in the frame of the EUKCEM project with its issues and challenges.

This was followed by a discussion on the applicability of the results of the EUKCEM project and the need for adaptation, which led to the planning of Output 1 of the

IntoQuality project - the Quality Assurance System (QAS) for VET Mobility Intermediary Organizations. Furthermore, the partners got administrative and financial guidance for the implementation of the ERAMSUS+ project and agreed on the management, communication, evaluation and dissemination strategy for the project.

2nd transnational meeting in Leipzig, Germany

The 2nd meeting of the project took place from 20.04.2017 to 21.04.2017 in Leipzig, Germany. It was hosted by Wisamar, a non-profit education provider. and all partner organizations were represented at the meeting. On the first day all partners were actively engaged in a constructive dialogue regarding the Quality Assurance System criteria, definition of indicators and minimum acceptable standards. Partners managed to reach a draft version of the IntoQuality QAS which shall be tested internally between the partners acting as mobility intermediary organizations. After this step, a Europe-wide testing of the QAS will be carried out with external stakeholders.



During the second day ECQ moderated a discussion about the elaboration of preliminary specifications for the functions of the Interactive Monitoring Application (IO2). Partners exchanged details about their vision of the application, while ECQ as leader for the intellectual product structured the discussion and undertook the feasibility check in terms of technical implementation. The tasks until the next project meeting were distributed. The meeting was very fruitful for the project and enriching for the participants. It allowed partners to exchange experience in the various aspects of organizing student mobility, learn new methods and view different practices.

You can find more information about the project and its progress on our website: www.intoquality.eu

Best regards,

Your IntoQuality-team



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