UETPNET

University Enterprise Training Partnership Networking for upgrading skills using online tools

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Introduction

- UETPNET is a project co-funded by Lifelong Learning (Erasmus) in the field of cooperation between Universities and Enterprises and started in October 2010

- UETP: University Enterprise Training Partnership

➢Organizations founded under the programme COMETT in 1986 which was the first European initiative in the field of collaboration between universities and enterprises

The Need

• The labour market is directing towards a skills based approach for employment

•Universities and enterprises collaborate usually through the use of qualification degrees (many employers retain that they do not have reliable information about what a qualification degree stands for in practice)

• The project aims to provide the universities and the enterprises with a web tool which will enable them to implement a skills-based approach in the cooperation between them.

• It will also provide useful insight to the Universities for the skills that are needed by the enterprises but are not offered by them

General Objectives

- To improve the employability of the university graduates

- To improve the possibility of the enterprises to find easy qualified workers who are competent to fill their job positions

- To promote the skills based approach in the description of the university qualifications as well as the job positions of the enterprises

- To improve the transparency of the skills of the University graduates

- To facilitate the enterprises to find the most suitable candidates for their job positions

- To allow the universities to identify possible gaps between the skills offered and those needed by the market.

- To support the "New Skills for New Jobs" Initiative

Specific Objectives

• To develop an innovative web based "skills matching" tool in which there will be a description of the skills that the University offers to their graduates and a description of the skills that the enterprises require from their employees

• To adapt an E-Learning platform which will be used for the organization of seminars for enterprises organized by university teachers as well as joint training sessions organized in common by Universities and enterprises

• To develop a web tool where there will be published joint initiatives by Universities, events/ activities organized by enterprises which are of interest for the Universities and vice versa.

•To develop a network between the stakeholder organizations in order to foment the cooperation between them and make this process sustainable

Main Outcomes

Matching Skills Tool: Tool for "matching" the skills offered by the University with these needed by the enterprises.

➢STEP 1: The enterprises are going to publish in the web tool the job/ internship positions they offer with a complete description of the skills needed for these positions.

➢STEP 2: The Universities will upload to the tool the list of skills of their graduates.

➢STEP 3: University students and graduates will provide the University a list of their additional skills and the job positions they would prefer.

➢STEP 4: The tool will make the match and provide to all the interested parties the relevant information

Main Outcomes

E-Learning Platform: E-Learning platform for organization of seminars for enterprises organized by university teachers as well as joint training sessions organized in common by Universities and enterprises.

The E-Learning platform will be used also in order to match the gap between the skills offered by the Universities and the skills needed by the enterprises.

If a gap is discovered the Universities can offer just in time brief online seminars to the students in order to bridge the gap.

Main Outcomes

Events Publishing Tool:

A web tool where there will be published:

➢Joint Initiatives by Universities and enterprises (conferences, seminars, researches, programmes, projects etc.)

➢Events/ activities organized by enterprises which are of interest for the Universities and vice versa.

Consortium

➢9 partners from 6 countries (Greece, Cyprus, Italy, Spain, Romania, UK)

➢2 UETPs (University Enterprise Training Partnership)

➢2 Enterprise Associations

➢1 SME

➢4 universities

Consortium

P1: UETP Action Link/ Action Synergy S.A. (GR)

P2: Universitatea POLITEHNICA din Bucuresti - CTANM (RO)

P3: Associazione SINTESI (IT)

P4: Buckinghamshire New University (UK)

P5: National Council of Small and Medium Sized Private Enterprises- CNIPMMR (RO)

P6: Confederación Empresarial Vasca- CONFEBASK (ES)

P7: RTD TALOS Ltd (CY)

P8: University of Nicosia (CY)

P9: Università degli Studi di Palermo (IT)

Associated Partners

➢GENESIS Institute (Austria)

➢Porto Polytechnic – School of Engineering (Portugal)

➢Bremer Ausbildungspartnerschaft (Germany)

➢University of Malta (Malta)

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Impact

➤Improvement of the employability of the university graduates

➤Facilitation of the recruitment process for the enterprises

➤Promotion of the skills based approach

➤On time identification of possible gaps between the skills offered by the universities and those needed by the market

Project Approach

- The design of the tools will be decided on the basis of the needs and preferences of the stakeholders (universities, enterprises, students)

- Research activities (interviews, focus groups, desk research) are currently organized in partner countries

For More Information

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