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Multiplication Event

Peer mentor program for students and researchers

25.04.2016-26.04.2016
West University of Timișoara,
Faculty of Economics and Business Administration
Timișoara, Romania

Organized within the Project “**Connection between accounting research, education and the employer’s needs within the European framework**”,
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Domain: Strategic partnerships in higher education



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Scope

West University of Timisoara, Romania in partnership with Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania and University of Messina, Italy, implements the project "Connection Between Accounting Research, Education and the Employer's Needs Within the European Framework" Acronym: CAREER during 01.09.2014-31.08.2016. The purpose of the project is to sustain the accounting education through collaborative partnerships in learning and sharing knowledge in a European context. The project responds to the educational needs of the target group: teachers, researchers, students and professionals in finance and accounting, helping to improve their knowledge and skills. The project aims to support the development, transfer and/or implementation of innovative practices internationally, regionally and locally.

Multiplication Event Agenda

25.04.2016

(West University of Timișoara, Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, J.H Pestalozzi Street, no 16, Timisoara, room 108)

17.00-19.30 Peer mentoring programme - Young Accounting Association

26.04.2016

(West University of Timișoara, Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, J.H Pestalozzi Street, no 16, Timisoara, room 106)

09:00-09:30 Participants registration

09:30-09:45 Opening welcome

09:45-10:15 General presentation of the project (Blidisel Rodica Gabriela, West University of Timisoara)



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- 10:15-10:35** Presentation of blended mobility in Timisoara, November 2015 (Popescu Nadejda, Blidar Cristina, West University of Timisoara)
- 10:35-10:55** Presentation of blended mobility in Lithuania, March 2016 (Lascu Andrada, Popeti Larisa, West University of Timisoara)
- 10:55-11:15** Young Accounting Association Presentation (Brindule Anca Ioana, Bulucea Mariana Cristina, West University of Timisoara)
- 11:15-11:45** Coffee break
- 11:45-12:05** Presentation of Erasmus+ International Learning Platform in Accountancy (ILPA) project and accounting in Austria (Sabine Maria Graszitz, University of Innsbruck)
- 12:05-12:25** Issues related to youth employability from Timi Employment Agency perspective
- 12:25-12:45** Best practices within the CAREER project (Evelina Bendoraitiene, Vytautas Magnus University)
- 12:45-13:05** Accounting profession within the formal education in Republic of Moldova (Neli Muntean, Academy of Economic Studies of Moldova)
- 13:05-13:30** Conclusions of the studies regarding employability of graduates and needs of consultancy of the business environment (Blidisel Rodica Gabriela, West University of Timisoara)
- 13:30** Lunch

Peer Mentor Program provides to students and researchers the opportunity to connect with an already project involved student in E- Network center and direct studies development to pilot enterprises, who will serve as mentor. The event had the aim to multiply the project idea and to transfer its operability during time. The event was hosted by CO and it assured direct covering of the following intellectual outputs:

O1. Methodology and procedures for target group and pilot companies selection, monitoring and progress management, Internship agreement, Peer Mentor Application and Peer Mentor Contract



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/A1. Establishing the project implementation procedures, methods and tools to assess the progress of the project and facilitate its implementation

O1. Methodology and procedures for target group and pilot companies selection, monitoring and progress management, Internship agreement, Peer Mentor Application and Peer Mentor Contract/ A2. Elaboration of long term strategy and project sustainability through peer mentoring

O2. Open educational on-line resources - network/ A1. Elaboration of learning materials and curricula

O3.E-Network center for consultation and research/ A1. Creation and operationalization of E-Network center for consultancy provision and research to national and international companies

O4. Direct research/ consultation for pilot enterprises consisting in studies, analyses directly implemented (3 pilot enterprises in each country) / A1. Elaboration of studies and analyses for 3 pilot enterprises in each country.

At the event Peer mentoring programme for students and researchers there were present 68 participants, from which 7 researchers and 61 students, national participants: 62 and 6 international participants.

During the 25 04.2016 there was developed the Peer Mentor Programme for younger students. As a result of the Peer Mentor Program, new students and researchers acquired the following values:

- acquaint with the mission, core values, of the project activities and intellectual outputs
- understand the importance of involvement on Mentoring Program and taking responsibility and initiative for one's own individual growth and development
- create interactions between students, faculty, and staff across finance - accounting departments, allowing them to gain insight and appreciation of resources and services available to them.



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On 26.04.2016 was made a short description of the project with objectives, activities and main results. Best practices within the CAREER project were presented by Evelina Bendoraitiene, Vytautas Magnus University. Popescu Nadejda and Blidar Cristina, students at West University of Timisoara presented their fruitful experience of blended mobility in Timisoara, November 2015. Lascu Andrada and Popeti Larisa, students of West University of Timisoara made a wonderful presentation of blended mobility in Lithuania, March 2016.

The students point of view was exposed by the students Brîndu e Anca Ioana and Bulucea Mariana Cristina, West University of Timisoara, representing the voice of Young Accounting Association.

For best practice experience exchange there were made presentation of Erasmus+ International Learning Platform in Accountancy (ILPA) project and accounting in Austria by Sabine Maria Graschitz, University of Innsbruck, Accounting profession within the formal education in Republic of Moldova (Neli Muntean, Academy of Economic Studies of Moldova)

Issues related to youth employability from Timiș Employment Agency perspective were also presented.

The event was finished with the conclusions of the studies regarding employability of graduates and needs of consultancy of the business environment.



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