



Pilot project 2: Creation/strengthening of a “centre for business development and employment observatory” within the HEIs

The pilot project 2 aims at creating a “centre for business development and employment observatory” within the HEIs of the partner countries and/or strengthening of the staff’s skills, especially in the countries where those centres already exist. In most cases, the centres will be absorbed by or associated with the careers office of each HEI. The role of the “centres for business development and employment observatory” will be that of strengthening the links with the business world to ensure a closer collaboration. This will happen, for example, by signing internship agreements for HEIs graduates, as envisaged by the project, but also by providing new services to young entrepreneurs.

The training visits on the field will provide the staff with the necessary skills to carry out their tasks and will also allow the participants to learn from the work and functioning of the other HEIs participating in the project. The centres will also have to produce statistics and reports on the progress of the pilot project 2, which will be presented to the other stakeholders (companies and policymakers) during each conference to gather their opinion, comments and recommendations.

At least 20 formal internship agreements shall be signed by each HEI of the partner countries and the companies (120 agreements in total). At least 5 students from each HEI of the partner countries (30 students in total) will start their internship before the end of the project.

A final report on the pilot project 2 will be presented at the end of the project and will include recommendations for future development.

P13 (USEK) will be in charge of coordinating WP5, making sure that the activities envisaged are implemented and deadlines are respected.

Tasks:

T5.1- Establishment of a Management and Monitoring Committee for the pilot project and selection of the people who will be responsible of implementing each pilot project in each University. Definition of the centre’s functions and mandate

T5.2- Organisation of 7 meetings for the management and organisation of the pilot project 2

T5.3- Organisation of site visits and training for the HEIs’ staff of the partner countries within the context of the pilot project 2

T5.4- Consultation with the stakeholders and approval of the working plan and the mandate

T5.5- Centres opening

T5.6- Creation of databanks together with the companies, strengthening ties with them, contacting new companies

T5.7- Preparation of statistics and reports on the progress of the work carried out by the group to be presented to the stakeholders, which in turn will make comments and share their opinion

T5.8- Signing of formal internship agreements with the companies

T5.9- Organisation of internship periods for the students

T5.10- Drafting of the final report on the pilot project 2 and recommendations

Deliverables:

D5.1 Creation of a “centre for business development and employment observatory” within the HEIs of the partner countries and strengthening of the centre staff’s skills

The centres will be in charge of carrying out activities to strengthen the cooperation between the HEIs and the companies. Among the other activities that will be established in their mandate, the project provides for the centres to sign at least 120 internship agreements with the companies (at the local, national, regional and/or international level) and for a minimum of 30 students to start their internship period before the end of the project. All the HEIs of the project partner countries (P8, P9, P10, P11, P12 and P13) are invited to proactively participate in the activities launched by the centres and pursue the same goals. If not all HEIs will be able to implement the activities and achieve the envisaged results, at least two thirds of the HEIs of the partner countries shall implement the activities of this WP, sharing with each other the 120 agreements envisaged and the 30 students who will work as interns.

The centres will also produce statistics and progress reports on the advancement of the pilot project 2, which will be presented to the other stakeholders (companies and political authorities) during each conference in order to gather their opinion, comments and recommendations.

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