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## INVITATION to the TCA on **Internationalisation strategies in VET – a training event for vocational institutions**

Helsinki-region, Finland, 10-13 September 2017

*Organised by the Finnish, Hungarian and Dutch National Agency of Erasmus+ for VET*

Although strategic thinking and planning in Erasmus+ projects is inevitable, promoters are not always aware of its importance. At the same time, and according to the aim of the Erasmus+ programme institutional needs, local and regional needs, national strategies and European strategies should all come together in the actions funded in the programme. The same applies to both mobility projects and strategic partnerships, but also to an even larger degree the accreditation of VET mobility – the VET Mobility Charter.

Strategic thinking, general planning as well as internationalisation of the VET-institutions should go hand in hand. But such an evolved form of institutional synergy and consciousness is still not always the case. Despite the fact that, promoters have to write European Development Plans and Mobility Charter applications and put their projects and the institutional needs into a wider, international context, many of these issues relating to strategy and “the bigger picture” often still remain unsolved.

In order to support Erasmus+ VET promoters, especially VET colleges and schools, the Finnish, the Dutch and the Hungarian NAs are **organising a TCA training focusing on internationalisation strategies in VET.**

During the 2,5-day training the participants will have the opportunity to dive into different aspects of internationalisation strategies. Through case studies, peer learning and with the help of experts we will work on a common approach that will help the participants to set up and/or strengthen their institutions’ policy on internationalisation.

### **Learning outcomes of the training:**

- have an understanding of the value of strategic planning, strategy structures and the issues and processes involved
- attain knowledge of what strategic planning and approaches can bring to the field of internationalisation and mobility in VET
- get a picture of how to link internationalisation and mobility with the development of their institution
- be able to set up the next steps needed in their own institution to go on with their internationalisation strategy and make it alive and work as a shared vision within their institution
- get acquainted with indicators in order to measure the progress and whether the results achieved are fit to the purposes



### When & where

- **Location:** Helsinki region, Finland
- **Arrival:** at the latest in the evening of Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> of September 2017  
(meet and greet & welcome programme & dinner)
- **Departure:** at the earliest in the afternoon of Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> of September 2017

### Costs and funding

- Participants' travel and the subsistence costs will be covered according to the TCA rules and funds of each National Agency.
- The other costs of the event (programme, lunches, 2 dinners) are covered by the Finnish, Hungarian and Dutch NA's.

### How to apply and other details

- Each VET institution should preferably send BOTH their international officer/promoter/project coordinator AND a decision maker (e.g. principal or rector/manager/ head of unit/ member of the board)
- The training requires active participation in English, and a willingness to share your ideas and experiences with others and contribute both to your own and others work.
- Please contact your own National Agency for details on the application procedure in your country.

On behalf of the Finnish, Dutch and Hungarian NAs,

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