

**Template for Transnational Cooperation Activities****Type of event:**

Evidence-based analysis of programme results

**For which sector(s):** School Education  Vocational Education and Training  Higher Education  Adult Education  Youth**Key action(s) targeted:** KA1  KA2  KA3**Budgetary year:** 2018**Hosting country:** UK**Coordinating National Agency** (use full name and abbreviation): Ecorys UK**Partner National Agency(s)** (if applicable, use full name and abbreviation): The Centre of the Republic of Slovenia for Mobility and European Educational and Training Programmes (CMEPIUS)**Title of event:** Impact+ Exercise for Vocational Education and Training beneficiaries

Event organiser			
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**Starting date of the event:** 08/10/2018**Ending date of the event:** 09/10/2018**Event venue (city, country):** The Priory Rooms, Birmingham, United Kingdom  
([www.theprioryrooms.co.uk](http://www.theprioryrooms.co.uk))**Working language:** English**Number of places in total:** 20 participants**Profile of participants:** The seminar targets current KA2 VET beneficiaries funded under the 2018 Call. Previous experience has shown that the workshop is most useful when introduced early in a project lifecycle. Participants should be new or relatively inexperienced in impact assessment / evaluation.

**Themes and goals of the event:**

The seminar aims to contribute to the evidence-based analysis of project results. It will do this by equipping participants with the skills to plan and implement impact assessment activities. Ultimately, this will improve the quality of the evidence base for Erasmus+.

The main objectives are:

- To help beneficiaries understand the concept of impact assessment.
- To train beneficiaries so that they are able to identify their project impact and outcomes, develop suitable indicators, and identify suitable data sources.
- To help beneficiaries use impact evidence in their dissemination by identifying relevant audiences, stakeholders and communication mechanisms.

The seminar will include a number of practical group exercises designed to familiarise participants with (i) the stages of the Impact+ Exercise and (ii) identifying and targeting relevant stakeholders.

Participants will not complete the Impact+ Exercise for their project during the seminar. The seminar will provide them with the skills to facilitate a discussion and complete the Exercise with their project partners.

We intend to offer a **short 1-2-1 support session** to participants after the seminar to discuss individual project questions. This may involve advice or comments on work done to date by the project.

Participants will also be contacted 4-6 months after the seminar to participate in a *research project* about the impact of the seminar on individual and project impact assessment. Previous research projects have included telephone/Skype interviews and case studies – see Impact Evidence studies here: [www.erasmusplus.org.uk/programme-impact](http://www.erasmusplus.org.uk/programme-impact)

The seminar is part of our “Applied Research Methods” TCA project which is co-led by the Slovenian E&T NA.

**Expected results:**

- Improved understanding of the concept of impact assessment.
- Improved confidence in implementing project impact assessment.
- Opportunity to meet and build a network of peers interested in impact assessment.
- Better quality project impact assessment (i.e., clearer focus, better indicators, relevant data sources, robust evidence, targeted dissemination).

**Programme of event:** will be posted on the SALTO page.

**Event’s webpage** (if applicable): not currently anticipated.

**Travel information:** a practical information sheet will be provided by our events co-ordinator to all successful applicants.

**Event fee** (amount in EUR, if applicable): N/A

**Event fee** (what covers the fee): UK NA at Ecorys UK will cover the cost of accommodation in a single room for one night (or two if necessary), all planned meals, cultural activities and materials for the seminar. Any additional nights accommodation should be arranged and paid for by the participants themselves.

**Travel costs** (who covers the travel costs): to be covered by the sending NA

**Number of participants per country:** 1-2 (depending on number of interested countries)

**Deadline to which NAs inform organizer about number of participants, they will send:**  
23/07/2018

**Deadline to which organizer confirms number of places reserved:** 27/07/2018

**Deadline for applications on SALTO:** 24/08/2018

**Deadline for pre-selection:** 03/09/2018

**Deadline for selection:** 10/09/2018

**Types of participant's data sending to the organizer:** this will be collected via the SALTO application.

**Registration** (if applicable): successful participants will be contacted directly by our event co-ordinator after the deadline for selection.

**Is National Agencies staff welcome?** yes (but see below)

**If yes, what is role and rules of participation of NA staff in event** (eg. limit of number of persons in general, from one country, financial rules, deadline for registration etc.): 1-2 NA staff are welcome to attend to support the seminar trainer to deliver the event – this has been helpful in learning how to deliver a national training seminar. The NA staff costs would be covered from the sending NAs budget. Please tell us if you would like to send NA staff to help.

**Additional information** (if applicable): n/a.