



Welcome to the Project Incubator for vocational education and training!

A project incubator is a new approach to the traditional contact seminar with a greater focus on developing both the content and format of cooperation in the new project. The event would incorporate methods of co-creation and experimentation, as well as peer review of the project ideas and the plans. The themes are personalization, learning environments, new role of teachers and digitalization. The seminar will gather 70 professionals within vocational education from different European countries. This is a chance to create new partnerships and project ideas supported by National Agency staff.

Participants are invited to share good practices from different countries, identify challenges and discuss possible solutions regarding the future of VET.

When and where?

The seminar will take place in Helsinki, Finland, on 11-13 November 2019. Your participation and travel will be covered by an Erasmus+ grant. To apply please contact your Erasmus+ National Agency.

Target group:

The seminar is open to participants within all fields of vocational education

- VET Schools (teachers, principals, international coordinators)
- Representatives of companies, chambers, training centres
- Developers of vocational education

Pre-selection of the participants is made by NAs. The seminar is organized by the Finnish Erasmus+ National Agency.

Project Incubator - The Future of VET

11-13 November 2019 | Helsinki City Theatre, Ensi linja 2, 00530 Helsinki

Day One: Monday 11 November 2019

- 09:00 Welcome and Icebreaker
- 09:20 Megatrends affecting Education and the World of Work
Keynote Input
- 09:50 Erasmus+
Highlighting funding opportunities, benefits and opportunities for VET organisations participating in Erasmus+.
- 10:10 Step 1: Exchanging Concepts and Ideas
Opportunity to share concepts and ideas for possible future projects with other VET professionals and practitioners.
- 12:30 LUNCH
- 13:30 Step 2: Building the Team
Formulating teams to develop and progress concepts and ideas centred on the modernisation and optimisation of VET systems, practices and procedures.
- 13:30 Step 3: Storytelling
Group activity in which teams confirm in a peer-to-peer set-up the need, rationale and core beneficiaries of their project (concept, idea), proposing solutions and impact potential.
- 15:00 COFFEE
- 15:30 Step 4: Reflection and Feedback
Feedback on concepts/ideas and solutions by a panel of key stakeholders in VET and Erasmus+ leading to dialogue and reflection as well as a refinement of ideas.
- 16:30 Close of Day One
- 19:00 Common Dinner

Day Two: Tuesday 12 November 2019

- 09:00 Welcome Back and Energiser
- 09:15 Co-Creation in an International Setting
Keynote Input

- 09:45 Step 5: Mapping Project Delivery
Group activity in which project concepts and ideas are converted into a plan of action confirming methodology, schedule, tasks, outputs, events, actors and user participation.
- 11:45 Step 6: Taking Stock - Achievements so Far
Review on project mapping activity, reflecting on challenges and successes.
- 12:15 What is an Incubator Race?
Introduction to afternoon groupwork activity (step 7).
- 12:30 LUNCH
- 13:30 Step 7: Incubator Race
Practical groupwork activity: conceptualising change and innovation in VET
- 17:00 End of Day Two / Free Evening in Helsinki

Day Three: Wednesday 13 November 2019

- 09:00 Welcome Back and Refresher
- 09:15 Incubator Race: Results
Results of Day Two afternoon activities are shared with other teams (digital delivery by teams)
- 10:00 Dissemination and Exploitation - Key Messages
Translating Programme Requirements into a Relevant Course of Action
- 10:30 COFFEE
- 11:00 Step 8: Innovating and Improving
Final Opportunity to Optimise Projects; Appointment of Team Spokesperson.
- 12:00 Step 9: Elevator Pitch
Team spokespersons present project goals, solutions and expectations for impact.
- 12:45 Step 10: Taking It Forward - Close of Event
- 13:00 LUNCH