



Call for Experts

Organising and Monitoring Student Placements in the World of Work

The PROCSEE project aims at strengthening Professional Higher Education (PHE) in Central and South-Eastern Europe, through a collaborative evidence- and stakeholder- based approach.

Within its thematic scope, the project will:

- Engage in policy dialogue with stakeholders, to understand the main policy challenges which need to be addressed to accelerate change & innovation in the area
- Locate best-practice examples of policy-interventions, which have been shown to be effective in addressing the identified challenges
- Analyse the best-practice examples, with the help of thematic peer-learning expert groups, and identify those which are best suited to implementation in the CSEE region
- Work with stakeholders in each country, to design interventions at institutional level which will address the policy challenges, based on the implemented research
- Communicate the need and methodology for the interventions to relevant policy & decision-makers, and provide a monitoring framework for measuring the progress and impact of interventions

Theme

Theme 3¹ of the project will focus on organising and monitoring student placements in the world of work, in particular increasing the quantity and quality of available student placements, so as to provide for meaningful learning experience and preparation for employment. The theme includes discussion of:

- legislative levers supporting apprenticeships & placements
- methods to clarifying and communicate the benefits of student placements (to companies, governments, etc.)
- quality assurance of student placements including auditing partners, learning agreements and learning assessments
- support structures for companies taking on students
- relevant activating methods of teaching and learning emphasising development of skills relevant for the professional career.
- capacity building of institutional structures within Higher Education Institutions sending students for placements

Tasks

¹ Theme 3 is Organising and Monitoring Student Placements in the World of Work.



The selected expert will help will identify national policy challenges in the area of speciality, and to propose solutions to these challenges based on best practice in the field. Specifically, the expert will be expected to:

- Participate in three annual 4-day policy forums on Professional Higher Excellence, which will be the main forum for discussion and exchange with other experts from across the continent
- Contribute towards the authoring of briefing papers for the policy-forums, and of conclusions from the same forums
- Participate in annual (half day) workshops at national level, aimed at connecting the work of the policy forums with national stakeholders
- Prepare three detailed case-studies (c. 1200 words each) of best-practice in the topic-area, for inclusion in the PROCSEE practice database, with the assistance of project coordinators and templates developed within the project.

Expert's Profile

The select expert must be able to demonstrate:

- one or more of the following:
 - 5 years of experiences on organising and monitoring student placements in the world of work
 - 5 years of coordinating, developing or implementing activating methods of teaching and learning emphasising development of skills relevant for the professional career either at the institutional or systemic levels
 - experience with designing or implementing policies or legislation regarding student placements (experience with chambers of commerce, ministries, lobby bodies etc.)
 - experience building institutional capacity for student placements and practice-oriented methods of teaching and learning
- experiences in publishing and research activities on EU and/or national level of expertise, engagement with at least 3 conferences, those focused on the relevant topics would be preferred
- significant engagement in the international environment, demonstrated through participation in international conferences, projects, associations etc.
- good English language skills

Conditions & Application Process

Experts will be selected through an open call for applications. Selected experts will receive a gross honorarium of €2500 as well as travel expenses to the three PHE Excellence Forums, attendance to which is a key part of the contract.

Experts interested in applying should send a CV (in Europass format) together with a cover letter to the following <http://procsee.eu/experts-call/> by May 27 2016.