

LLP Program – Leonardo da Vinci - Mobility

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“LINK”

Good practice on learning methods: a possible link between formal and non formal approach.

NAME OF APPLICANT ORGANISATION: ASTERISCO- Associazione per lo sviluppo socio-economico.

PROFILE/SECTOR OF THE APPLICANT ORGANIZATION: The Coordinator, ASTERISCO, Socio-economic development organization, is a vocational training school, accredited to Sicilian Region to carrying out training courses for young people (qualifications courses) and adults (skill refreshers courses). The activity was created in 2002 by the union of teachers, experts and individual professionals, operating in various sectors such as service, business creation, education, vocational training, research, local development. Among the various activities, the one who plays a prevalent role is the promotion of Human Resources, by increasing skills and knowledge of subjects, young and adults, workers and not. The no-profit organization, consistent with the Lisbon Strategy, operates with the belief that Education is the means for success, a key policy lever, through which the individual evolves and grows in harmony with the cultural, social and economic needs. We work primarily on projects financed by public funds (regional, national and European such as ESF). Our main target is young people, but also women, disadvantaged, because we want to promote equal opportunities.

In the International Mobility activity, ASTERISCO acts as a **Sending Organization**, but also as **Hosting Organization** or **Intermediary Partner**, working on both **PLM/VETPRO mobility projects**.

At the moment we are developing a Project of Mobility LdV, called “ART – ARTS IN MOVEMENT”, that proposes a 13 weeks mobility experience in 2 different countries (SPAIN and IRELAND) for 38 participants, and a Projects of Youth Exchanges with the Youth in Action Programme.

PARTICIPANTS: The target group of the **Project LINK** will be composed of **30 participants that work in the field of vocational and educational training**, with diploma and/or Degree, resident in the Sicilian Region. **The participants work in the Sicilian vocational training system as Teachers, Tutors and Project Designer, Junior or Senior.** Through this Project, they will have the opportunity to live as protagonists a 3 weeks transnational mobility experience, finalized to acquire skills, tools and innovative practices to develop effectively the delicate role of facilitators of learning and provide answers and solutions tailored to the needs of learners.

SECTOR OF THE PROJECT: The **Project LINK** will be focused on the learning methods adopted in the Sicilian vocational training System, mainly inspired to the formal methodology techniques, and it will debate about the potential inclusion of innovative elements or ideas directly linked to innovative non-formal learning methods. The mobility experience will last 3 weeks and it will be realized within the host organizations in different countries, which operate within the formal and/or non-formal vocational training organizations.

OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT: The **general aim of the Project LINK** is to facilitate and encourage the transnational relations among operators of the sector of vocational training and promote the analysis of the local vocational training system and methodological approaches in use, the exchange and comparison among workers from different countries in relation to different learning methods used, in order to learn for improve. This Project will accompany the operators in a analysis path of Sicily vocational training system and its methodological structure, with the aim of optimize it with the european best practices.

The **specific objectives** that the Project proposes to achieve will be:

- to analyze the Sicilian vocational training system, the use and effectiveness of learning methods currently used;
- to promote a constructive reflection on the potential inclusion of new methodologies inspired to the non-formal learning processes;
- to encourage mutual exchange between countries about the value, visibility and effectiveness of adoption, both, formal and informal learning methods;
- to transfer to the participants (Teachers, Tutors and Project Design, junior or senior) a real awareness about the benefits linked to the combined use of different methodologies and/or to the introduction of different learning methods, traditionally not used in the training courses;
- to review the strengths and weaknesses of the different national views in order to acquire a new learning “best” practice;
- to improve the local system of vocational education and training and to optimize the results of the training;
- to encourage the adoption of alternative education models;
- to transfer and / or strengthen the language skills of the workers.

DURATION OF MOBILITY EXPERIENCE: The **Project LINK** provides different activities divided into three main steps:

- Preparation for mobility (in Italy);
- Experience of Mobility (abroad);
- Definition of the final product (in Italy).

Each participant will spend a **3 weeks mobility period abroad**. Before the departure each participant, in Italy, will attend a preparation phase (language, cultural and content program).

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE MOBILITY: The mobility experience will be implemented within organizations that work in the field of vocational training in the different countries of destination (5 European States). It is planned to organize n. 5 flows (each to a different country) with the departure of 5 groups. Each group will be composed from 6 participants. During the period of mobility will be organized 5 study groups, composed by Italian and European workers. Each group will debate and will analyze, within the hosting organizations, about a work program regarding to the use of different learning practice abroad and/or in the host structure and their benefits.

PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES: we want to make an exchange between Italy and 5 other European countries (preferably SPAIN, IRELAND, GREECE, LITHUANIA, SWEDEN).

PARTNER INVOLVEMENT: Intermediary Partner (INT-PA) for mobility projects with specific experience in the organization of training to **person that work in the field of vocational and educational training.**

The Partner will be responsible for:

- **organize the reception and accommodation of participants for the duration of the project, including the cultural programme;**
- **provide them with food and organize local transport;**
- **choose companies/organization for change activities or manage directly the change activity;**
- **monitor the participants in the training activities;**
- **collect qualitative and quantitative information needed to produce a final report and implement the follow-up;**
- **issuing the Euro-Pass Certification.**

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