

Stimulating Employability through Cross Sector Virtual Mobility

European funded research on flexible modality internships

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Abstract:

This publication presents the results of European funded research on flexible modality internships. The research was conducted under Cross Sector Virtual Mobility (CSVM): a project co-funded by the European Commission under the Leonardo da Vinci Programme (Lifelong Learning). The main objective: to facilitate (distance education) students to enter into online working, stimulate their employability, and provide (distance) educational systems with increased business and market connectivity by means of flexible modality internships. The publication describes the background of the project CSVM, the theoretical introduction as to why internships are actually needed, the results of the experience survey of conventional internships, the state of affairs of remote internships inside and outside Europe, the overview of technical, pedagogical, organisational, and economic barriers of remote internships, the distinct models identified from research as concerns the organisation of remote internships, the results of actual pilot cases on remote internships as configured and realised by the European partners of the CSVM project, and the development path towards the realisation of the premier European portal for clearing remote internships.

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