

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

Transnational thematic activities linked to the objectives, priority target groups and themes of the programme

**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:** HR**Coordinating National Agency** (use full name and abbreviation): HR01 (Agency for Mobility and EU Programmes)**Partner National Agency(s)** (if applicable, use full name and abbreviation): AT01 (OEAD), RO01 (ANPCDEFP), SI01 (CMEPIUS)**Title of event:** "Connecting Higher Education Institutions and Business Community: Increasing the Quality of Erasmus+ Traineeships"**Starting date of the event:** 23/10/2018**Ending date of the event:** 25/10/2018**Event venue (city, country):** Split, Croatia**Working language:** English**Number of places in total:** 70**Profile of participants:** higher education institutions' representatives connecting HEIs to the world of work and organising Erasmus+ traineeships (international relations officers, student career counsellors, traineeship coordinators, head of the studies, decision makers, academy-business liaison officers)

Active participation is required. We expect participants to: share practices of home institution, actively participate at group discussions, chair workshops' groups, report from workshops' groups.

**Themes and goals of the event:**

Traineeships can be a valuable step in the transition from education to professional life. As work experience is highly valued by employers, the early labour market experience can be instrumental

in facilitating graduates' transition to the world of work. However, the increasing importance of Erasmus+ traineeships emphasises the need to ensure its quality; hence, the seminar will gather international experts representing the following topics:

- o Traineeships at the European level, exploring existing frameworks and actions needed to improve their quality
- o How to strengthen links between education and business sector
- o How to meet the needs of students as well as the world of work
- o Benefit for universities, their graduates and enterprises
- o How could higher education institutions ensure good support and mentorship for students
- o Role of career centre in business networking
- o Practical exercises on recognising the competences developed through different international experiences

The event will have a form of plenary and working sessions.

**Expected results:**

- o Recommendations on ensuring the quality of traineeships
- o Recommendations on how to connect HEIs and business sector
- o Sharing examples of good practice
- o Networking

**Preliminary programme of event:**

**23<sup>rd</sup> October** – 17:00 – registration, introduction sessions (plenary)

**24<sup>th</sup> October** – 9:00 – 17:00 – plenary sessions and workshops

**25<sup>th</sup> October** – 9:00 – 12:00 – discussions and conclusions, 12:00 – 13:00 lunch, departure.

**Event's webpage** (if applicable): will be available soon

**Travel information:** will be available at the website of the event

**Event fee** (amount in EUR, if applicable): The event fee is 40 EUR which should be covered from sources other than the EU (in order to ensure minimum 5 % co-financing according to the TCA funding rules).

**Event fee** (what covers the fee): The co-organisers cover all other costs (accommodation in a single room for 2 nights (23./24. Oct. and 24./25. Oct.), meals, coffee breaks, social programme, materials).

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

**Number of participants per country:** 1-2