

Title: “European Apprenticeship: VET training for the students of the University of Pitesti”

Project type: Leonardo da Vinci - students' mobility project

Duration: 1 year

Actual stage: Finalised, with the Final Report approved by the European Commission

Total value of the Contract: 28800 Euros

Total value for the University of Pitesti: 28800 Euros

Brief Description

Who... The project is a mobility one targeting to perform placements for students abroad. The partnership is composed by the University of Pitesti (ROMANIA) as promoter & coordinator and the Work Experience UK (UNITED KINGDOM) as partner. Thus, the project will involve teaching staff, administrative personnel and students of the University of Pitesti, on one hand, and trainers, tutors & mentors of Work Experience UK, on the other hand. All these persons will represent the main “actors” in the project (with great impact upon a number of 8 students of the Faculty of Sciences - Physics Engineering specialization as direct beneficiaries of the project), but also other categories of indirect participants will take part in the project's activities.

What... The objectives of the project, in strong relation with the needs of all direct and indirect beneficiaries are:

- to update and to reinforce the professional training of the University's of Pitesti students;
- to facilitate access at professional training for the students of the Physics Engineering specialization;
- to allow acquiring new skills and abilities by VET sessions abroad for those students;
- to achieve the “acquis communautaire” transfer towards the students and teaching staff of the Faculty of Sciences (and not only);
- to better know the culture, traditions, way of life and history of Europe and European countries;
- to enhance the European cooperation;
- to provide the local employers with personnel trained at European standards;
- to disseminate the project and its outcomes;
- to encourage students and teaching staff from other faculties to initiate such mobilities.

Why... The necessity for this type of professional training by VET stages abroad has been identified by a needs analysis performed by the University of Pitesti in collaboration with the Arges County Agency for Labor Force Occupancy concerning the needs of specialized personnel.

In the context of Romania's integration in the European Union, it is strongly necessary to adapt the economical conditions to modern practices, based on the patterns that have been already successful.

Due to the fact that Western European countries have great experience in economic development concerning the problems encountered during the economical changes, training stages besides specialists of different fields of expertise will form well trained staff, capable to manage similar situations that Romania might face today. In different domains of activity, often the actors involved are working separately, even into an antagonistic way sometimes; this

is why it's necessary to gather them through common interests, for the same goal. Thus, by experience exchanges between the Romanian and foreign trainees working abroad, and also between Romanian trainees and their trainers, by debates upon the encountered problems, the training and self-training process will be accomplished, by giving them a clear image of the issues.

Where and when... The project has duration of one year and aims at developing a professional training structure for the students of the Physics Engineering specialization, through VET stages at "Work Experience UK", strategy which to be coherent with the University's Of Pitesti strategy.

The stages will have duration of 3 months each and will be achieved in one single flow of 8 students during the academic year 2003/2004. These stages are integrated into the professional training process of the students related to their future profession. At the end of the training, each student will beneficiate of a certificate for the competencies acquired during the stage. Its recognition will be assured at least at local level in Romania – by allocating ECTS points in accordance with the professional activity and with the educational plan of the University of Pitesti. In addition to this, the students will take benefit of negotiations between University of Pitesti and the employers of the Arges county.

Partnership:

University of Pitesti (ROMANIA) - promoter & coordinator

Work Experience UK (UNITED KINGDOM) - partner