


Partner Presentation Form

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Type of organisation:

SME School University Public Authority
 Training No Profit NGO

Other (Specify) Private, non profit institution with official status "Public institution" (orig. Viešoji įstaiga)

Fields of action :

SMEs Youth Universities Public Authorities
 Equal opportunities Schools Unemployed

Other (Specify)
 Provider of other education (courses, seminars) for different sectors (prie-primary education, primry education, adlut education, VET, etc.) from legal entities, private bodies.
 Provider of IT services.
 Provider of projects management services.
 Provider of organizational services.

Description of the organisation

Public institution "eMundus" was established in 2009 in order to streamline research and implementation activities in the area of education and concerning with the use and adaptation of information and communication technologies in different spheres.

The mission of eMundus is to actively promote the knowledge society, while creating and developing services mainly related to ICT, innovations, as well cultural aspects, healthy lifestyle, practical adaptation of them in education and community activities, seeking to ensure the quality of cooperation and unity between different generations and different social groups.

The team seeks:

- to find solutions how to solve problems in education sphere in purpose to create effective education environment, which would be available for everyone and will attract the learner;
- to develop critical thinking activities, educational approach towards real-world problems solving, updating educational curricula with new methods of teaching and learning
- to create technological solutions which would be effectively used in education;
- to create possibilities and conditions for lifelong learning while guaranty the quality of educational services;
- to collaborate with different national and international educational institutions (universities, secondary schools, adult education centres, professional schools, etc.), associations, enterprises;
- to find the ways that new methodologies and information and communication technologies would be used in teaching and learning effectively.

eMundus team is composed of experts who have long-lasting experience in management, e-learning development and practise, educational and technological development spheres. Team members take part in various international and national programs since 2006 years, participated, managed and developed previous Socrates, Lifelong learning, now Erasmus+ and European Structural Funds projects. Through many years created relations and collaboration with different institutions has developed strong co-operation and partnerships all over Europe with educational organizations, associations, research and development centers, public authorities.

eMundus team develops and use innovations, follows the demands of society and takes challenges in educational sphere while collaborating with various educational institutions in Lithuania and in Europe. Every year team is always in collaboration with schools, VET schools, universities, teachers qualification centers, private education providers while providing courses, lectures and in projects area. eMundus specialists work on the creation of information systems which are used or adapted to education environments, created systems are used in the universities, VET schools, secondary schools, as well in international education institutions, created portals are used in National and European levels.

eMundus specialists created independent online testing system, which are used by Lithuanian universities teachers, by schools and other educational institutions and enterprises (testuok.lt), online studies video courses platform (studijuok.lt) which was one of the innovative proposed solutions in Lithuania was proposed by our IT specialists and idea was developed and improved in one of Lithuanian university by students who were moderated by lecturer. Beside this we actively work in research field concerned with technologies, education improvement, provide various courses for different target groups, starting from youth, finishing with seniors. Team organizes and moderates events, seminars, conferences are involved into projects planning, management.

Experience of the organization in previous European projects

eMundus team has long lasting experience in projects management, coordination, software systems architecture, development, maintenance, as well in the research area, lecturing. Team members work in the development of new learning approaches based on the use of ICT and creativity in a wide range of educational and training contexts, including secondary and university education, and vocational and continuous training.

LLP Grundtvig Partnership project “Virtual Community Building by Exchanging New Approaches in Teaching” (CUBE) (LLP-GRU-MP-2010-LT-134) – coordinated by VšĮ "eMundus". The main aim of the project was to build the virtual community by exchanging approaches and methods also learning how to integrate information and communication technologies and tools into teaching different subjects, to improve knowledge of adult educators and to help them to provide their lessons in the attractive way.

LLP Leonardo da Vinci Partnership project “Creating Active Learning Material for Science Educators of Vocational Education” (LLP-LdV-PRT-2010-LT-0198) VšĮ "eMundus" was official partner. Project aim was to develop active learning based on science education materials for professional vocational development of science educators and tested with learners, course participants. Project activities were focused on better curriculum development and alignment with labor market needs, the project will support prevention of drop-outs from education, whereas the activities of the project creates an attractive teaching and learning results which will ensure and increase motivation for learning.

LLP Grundtvig Partnership project Fostering Cultural Heritage for bridging intergenerational dialogue“ (FOCAL) (LLP-GRU-MP-2012-LT-00169) – coordinated by VšĮ "eMundus". The project aimed to explore and reveal similarities and differences between countries, exchange of cultural experience, present the culture and maintain intergeneration dialogue between youth and seniors.

LLP Leonardo da Vinci Partnership project “Comparison of Occupational Healthy and Safety Policies and Conditions in EU Countries and Adaptation of Good Practices at VET Schools” (Co-Safe) (LLP-LdV-PRT-2011-LT-0240) VšĮ "eMundus" was associated partner (official partner in Lithuania was VšĮ IMOTEC), participated in activities development. Co-SAFE focused on raising awareness and knowledge in the field of Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) for target group (administrators, trainers, trainees and teachers who are concerned with this field). The project mainly concentrated on comparison of VET systems and practices, Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) trainings and implementations at institutions which provide VET services and EU policies related to the topic in participant countries. The aim of cooperation among participant countries was to increase knowledge of not only for the project participants but also the other parties of VET institutions.

Erasmus+ KA2 Strategic partnerships for innovations project “Innovative teaching methodology of health friendly nutrition development and practice in pre-primary and primary education” (HealthEDU) – coordinated by VšĮ "eMundus". The aim of the project is to educate and to form children’s, parents’, institution employees’ healthy nutrition habits, positive attitudes to nutrition and provision of food. To develop and promote health friendly nutrition and health friendly lifestyle principles and awareness in the community, to introduce health friendly dishes in the children menu in education institutions and at home.

Erasmus+ KA2 Strategic partnerships for innovations project “Innovative Counselling to promote the participation of people 50+ on the labour market and in societal life” (Incounselling50+) – VšĮ "eMundus" is an official partner. The InCounselling50+ project aims at developing, piloting and implementing a holistic and scientifically based concept for innovative career counselling and guidance. Its main target groups are HR practitioners (human resource managers) from companies and career counsellors. The actual group of end-users who will indirectly benefit from the project and its outcomes are people aged 50+.

Erasmus+ KA2 Strategic partnerships for innovations project “WBL 2.0”. VšĮ “eMundus” is an official partner. project aims to:

- Improve the cooperation between VET providers and companies so as to provide a market oriented training offer and business driven learning paths to the students of the web design and social media
- Answer to the need of motivating VET students at risk of dropping out, by providing them with enhanced Work Based Learning methods and tools based on the full exploitation of in person and virtual traineeships using ICT and multimedia.
- Enhance the participation of company managers in work based learning initiatives to match their with the training of the future human resources overcoming the barriers that obstacle their full commitment in cooperating with the VET providers
- Improve the internationalization of the VET training offer and of Work based learning approaches through the exploitation of ICT in order to match the needs of the companies and the expectations of the trainees when organising the transnational apprenticeships.

Experience and Expertise of the organization in the project’s subject area

VšĮ “eMundus” is involved as associated partner in STEM development European Erasmus+ KA2 project **“E-Learning from Nature”** (2015-1-IT02-KA201-015133) together with other 5 schools in Lithuania and official partner in Lithuania Trakai Educational Assistance Authority. Vida Drąsutė is local coordinator of the project as well in TEAE. The project aims at involving students and teachers in a research experience which promotes the knowledge of the sciences through: a direct contact with the environment they live in, a "problem-based" learning method, the use of new technologies, and a peer-to-peer (from student to student) teaching approach (in order to encourage students to feel motivated in transferring the scientific know-how to their European fellow students).

VšĮ "eMundus" was official partner in LLP Leonardo da Vinci Partnership project **“Creating Active Learning Material for Science Educators of Vocational Education”** (LLP-LdV-PPT-2010-LT-0187) Project aim was to develop active learning based on science education materials for professional vocational development of science educators and tested with learners, course participants. Project activities were focused on better curriculum development and alignment with labour market needs, the project will support prevention of drop-outs from education, whereas the activities of the project creates an attractive teaching and learning results which will ensure and increase motivation for learning.

Team members from VšĮ “eMundus” was involved to LLP Transversal Programme - Key Activity 4 project **“European clusters to promote the exchange of knowledge and best practices in fighting early school leaving through IT” (IT-Clex)**. Official project’s [artner in Lithuania was Trakai Vytautas Magnus Gymnasium. Vida Drąsutė was a local coordinator, Sigitas Drąsutis a researcher. Main aim of the project was to provide support to educational and non-educational actors through an ICT platform which will help them to share good practices, methods, experiences, resources and tools to work in a collaborative way with students at risk of dropping out, as well to provide a holistic work methodology to these actors in order to tackle in an integral way the support provided to students at risk of dropping out.

VšĮ “eMundus” is official partner in Erasmus+ KA2 Strategic partnerships for innovations project **“Incounselling50+”**. eMundus role is mainly based on technical issues: portal development, e-platform development and maintenances, project design, as well some parts in research area.

Team members from VšĮ “eMundus” was involved to Erasmus+ KA2 Strategic partnerships project **“A European Guidance Counselling Concept for International Youth Mobility”** (Guide My W@y) (2014-1-DE02-KA202-001610). Official partner in the project was Kaunas University of Technology. Where Vida Drąsutė was a local coordinator, Sigitas Drąsutis programmer and IT part developer.

Contributions that can be provided to the project

- Local administration of the project activities and finances ensuring correct management, as well as fluent collaboration with project coordinating and managing institutions.
- Involvement of VET providers, schools, companies and other associated partners of the project and ensuring collaboration with them.
- Participating in research in project area
- Producing needed reports
- Actively participating in project dissemination, evaluation, quality ensuring activities
- Developing project results

Reasons of involvement in the project

Project activities which we are going to develop and results which we are going to achieve are important for VŠĮ "eMundus" as institution (collaboration in international level, experience, as well from the content point of view, as well better and wider collaboration with local schools which we are going to involve into project as beneficiaries) and for personnel who collaborates with different educational institutions including schools.

It is important to deepen the knowledge and to get known more about how to improve the cooperation between VET providers and companies so as to provide a market oriented training offer and business driven learning paths to the students of the web design and social media; Answer to the need of motivating VET students at risk of dropping out, by providing them with enhanced Work Based Learning methods and tools based on the full exploitation of in person and virtual traineeships using ICT and multimedia; Enhance the participation of company managers in work based learning initiatives to match their with the training of the future human resources overcoming the barriers that obstacle their full commitment in cooperating with the VET providers; Improve the internationalization of the VET training offer and of Work based learning approaches through the exploitation of ICT in order to match the needs of the companies and the expectations of the trainees when organising the transnational apprenticeships.

As well personnel will deepen the knowledge in international collaboration and communication activities (into project activities we are going to involve administration personnel, lecturers).

Contact Person's Experience and Expertise

Vida Drąsutė - director of the institution. She is experienced in formal and non-formal education improvement and development analysis of e. learning possibilities, e. learning and tools for e. learning encouragement in educational institutions, organization of courses, e. learning infrastructure development cases, implementing the tasks for fostering e. learning processes within virtual environments, coordinating Lithuanian Distance Learning Network, which involves more than 60 educational institutions (schools, universities, colleges, etc.). She works in the development of new learning approaches based on the use of ICT and creativity in a wide range of educational and training contexts, including secondary and university education, and vocational and continuous training. Since 2006 is experienced in projects planning, management, coordination, development and research, analysis work, was and is involved in different projects funded by the European Commission and National Funds. She is active participant in scientific conferences as speaker and takes part in different courses for qualification improvement.