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Workshop 2

Transnational cooperation: Training, Work and Business abroad

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Sabina Stefani

Regione Toscana

- Toscana's complex sectoral mobility program, e.g. including formal and non-formal learning
- Target sectors: sustainable tourism / catering / shipbuilding+harbor logistics
- two dimensional program:
 - A actions necessary to define the goals of the cooperation agreement with foreign partners
 - B four types of instruments, e.g. cooperation between businesses, social partners, mobility to support university students in work experience abroad
- involve all stakeholders, e.g. businesses;students, workers, social partners
- overall funding €1.500.000

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Giovanna Lotti

Provincia Livorno Sviluppo

- **transnational mobility important, especially in a sectoral approach (→ Toscana)**
- **3 projects approved by Toscana government for Livorno**
- **involve all stakeholders, e.g. Businesses, workers, social partners**
- **instruments to enhance mobility, e.g. Workshops + networks**
- **Support efforts of companies to become more international**
- **develop tourism by qualifying employees, e.g. through „study visits abroad“**
- **challenge: convince employees and employers to participate**

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Angeles Gabella Barro

Junta de Andalucia

- **Andalusia Educative Model**
- **Problem: current economic crisis (short-term?)**
- **- low qualifications of citizens compared to rest of Europe, especially „medium qualifications“**
- **involve all stakeholders, e.g. workers, employers, social partners,**
- **Develop flexible and versatile training system**
- **recognize qualifications through EQVET**
- **Andalusia developed several instruments, e.g. Integrated information and career guidance system, vocational training centers and VET networks**
- **active participation in LLL action program, e.g. Leonardo, Erasmus**
- **challenges: budget, e.g. ESF allocation / Recognition of non-formal and informal learning / awareness for mobility**

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ECTARC / European Centre for Training
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- **ECTARC supports Welsh government's objectives**
- **Brings 100s of students to continental Europe and welcomes students in Wales**
- **offer variety of programs, e.g. Language courses, (business/academic) cultural seminars**
- **encourage Welsh students to learn more about (continental) Europe**
- **analyse shortage of skilled workers and sector skill needs in Wales, e.g. Tourism**
- **develop and manage a labour market mobility program, especially for disadvantaged workers**

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Nils-Åke Gustafsson

Östergötland

- many young Sweden go abroad, especially Kopenhagen, London
- Objectives of mobility program
 - + every upper secondary student should go for 1-2 weeks abroad
 - + promote entrepreneurship in schools
 - + develop micro-financing concept fro young people in Sweden

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Discussion & Proposals

- **problem of awareness for and attitude towards mobility**
- **ideas in regions similar, but instruments different**
- **increased mobility leads to increased employability / greater wealth**
- **trainers´/teachers´ attitudes towards mobility important**
- **problem of finding international partners for mobility**
- **question of optimum mobility length**

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- **stimulate EU commission to continue to support mobility**
- **EARLALL develop strategies on mobility and implement instruments, e.g. bi- or multi-lateral agreements**