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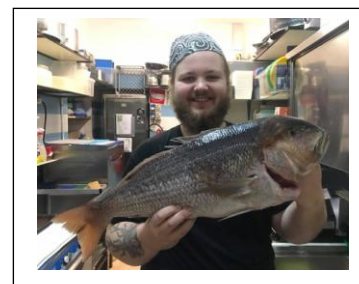


The MATCHSI project aims to make a significant contribution to ‘**Matching the Needs and Expectations of Trainees & Companies Hosting for a Successful Internship**’.

The partners have undertaken in-depth research in each partner country and produced a multi-lingual **Compendium of good practice for transnational work placements**. The Compendium is now available to download from the MATCHSI website – [www.matchsi.com](http://www.matchsi.com). It is available in 7 languages – English, French, German, Italian, Norwegian, Portuguese and Spanish. It provides a precious resource for organisations who offer transnational work placements to their members, students or trainees.

We produced a preliminary draft of materials for the easy to use, multi-lingual, user-friendly and fully adaptable **Toolkit to match the needs and expectations of trainees and host companies**. These materials were thoroughly tested on a control group of **80 trainees who have undertaken a transnational work placement** of 3 to 26 weeks in duration. The materials were also tested on over 620 additional placements, involving over 40 educational establishments and VET providers, over 350 host companies and 30 additional interested parties, such as local public administrative bodies.

The toolkit is now being adapted and improved using the feedback received from Trainees and Host Companies during the Testing Period. For example, André Frandsen, an apprentice from Oppland in Norway completed a work placement in the Ristorante-Pizzeria Il Pesce d’Oro in Alghero, Italy. He commented on how well the host company and the missions that he was asked to complete during his placement corresponded to his training, skills and expectations. He said that the 14 weeks he spent abroad were one of the best experiences of his life. [For more about André...](#)



The toolkit is already facilitating the identification, the collection and the transmission of all relevant information to improve the accuracy of the matching process. These up to date resources are compatible with and complement the already existing tools and methods developed and promoted by the EU, such as Europass CV, in addition to encouraging more accuracy in the development of the learning objectives in an ECVET perspective.

In this way, **MATCHSI** contributes to increasing the impact of transnational work placements, leading to added value on a trainee’s CV and thereby improving employability by helping to develop the skills required by businesses. This in turn contributes to improving the quality of the labour force and helping to promote economic development within the European Union.

Another long-term benefit of the **MATCHSI** project is to facilitate stronger partnerships between the educational and business sectors by increasing the involvement and ownership of host companies in the work-based learning process.

8 partners from 7 countries coordinated by European Placement Network work together on the project. **All resources and materials produced will be freely consultable and downloadable via the website and are available in the seven languages of the project [www.matchi.com](http://www.matchi.com).**

