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

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

We have also produced a multi-lingual, user-friendly **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.



Bastien Leyzour completed an internship with EPN and the Bristol Language Centre, working as an administrative assistant. He said that ‘week after week, I took more and more confidence in my work and I improved my language skills. The 3 months sped by too fast’ and has been one of the most amazing experiences of my life.

The toolkit provides adaptable materials for identification, collection and 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** has contributed to the impact of transnational work placements, leading to added value on a trainee’s CV and 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 has been 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 have worked together on the project. **All resources and materials produced through the project are freely consultable and downloadable via the website and are available in the seven languages of the project www.matchsi.com**

