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Internship held at: Evolaris, Graz (Austria)

Name: Marta G.

Year of internship: 2013

My internship in Evolaris next Level GmbH has been highly interesting from the professional and the personal side. During the internship, my tutor was present and helpful: he gave me new tasks every 2-3 days, checked the ongoing activities every day and was always available for explanations. My relation with him was indeed very good, since the beginning.

With reference to the activities carried out, I was involved in all the aspects of the European project management: the development of an idea, the production of the first draft of the project, the creation of a transnational partnership, the effective application. The work environment was juvenile and stimulating, as Evolaris is an excellence centre in Austria. My colleagues were very helpful. I was involved in all the activities carried out at Evolaris, including a trip with my colleagues in the forests surrounding the city and a nice dinner in a typical restaurant.

Graz is a people-oriented city. After my arrival, I went to the Info Point in order to have some information about the city. In addition, they also gave me some suggestion about the accommodation search. Even if I did not know the German language, I had no difficulty in everyday activities. Transports work perfectly, the city is clean and safe, and spring arrived earlier than I could expect. I am fully satisfied by the experience I had in Graz and I consider it has been a necessary step towards my professional future.

April 2013

Name: Zlata S.

Year of internship: 2016

Evolaris is a modern and well organized company. All employees are young or middle-aged, and are really friendly and helpful. They were all the time on my full disposal during the internship. Also, after work, we used to spend time together doing some sports or going for a drink.

The company has one person being in charge for the international projects, Noreen Berger, who was also my tutor. Noreen was very helpful and she dedicated as much time as possible to work with me in order to share her experience and introduce me in the on-going projects. For all these activities, the theoretical base we had from the master course was really useful. Evolaris is definitively a very good company for interns, especially young people interested in learning more about project planning and management in the field of technology, including mobile applications and smart production.

June 2016

Name: Ilaria T.

Year of internship: 2017

Evolaris is a company with expertise in mobile communication and innovation. I received support from the host organization in the search of an accommodation and I found a room in a student dormitory, close to Evolaris and to the city center. Graz is a small-medium nice city with beautiful architecture, interesting historic buildings, green parks, and fully options for cultural events and entertainment.

I enjoyed my time at Evolaris: the tutor was very able to transfer information and fully willing to answer my questions, providing clear explanations. I was integrated within the group from the beginning, as my

colleagues were helpful and friendly and I was actively involved in several activities and events organized by the company.

With reference to the activities carried out, I gathered experience in research of relevant calls for proposals (national, interregional and EU) and in project management activities (attending meetings with partners, writing reports and supporting in the achievement of project deliverables). I often attended conferences and seminars in Graz. The assigned tasks were consistent with the classroom course and the experience was a valuable training to put into practice the knowledge acquired during the classroom based lessons.

The experience as intern at Evolaris was an important step from a personal and professional point of view. I reinforced my motivation and my enthusiasm to work in the field of European funding opportunities and I had the opportunity to launch my career and to open my job perspectives. Moreover, I improved my interpersonal and communication skills.

After the three months' period, I continued to work at Evolaris as Assistant EU Project Manager for other two months. This experience as intern gave me the opportunity to launch my career in the field of the EU funding opportunities and open my job perspectives. I'm currently working as Innovation & Research Consultant in a company based in Graz and I'm fully satisfied with the Master and the great opportunity to work in a stimulate and dynamic environment.

May 2017

Internship held at: Europe for Business, Brussels (Belgium)

Name: Margarita K.

Year of internship: 2014

My three month internship at Europe for Business was a really interesting, fruitful and learning experience. The host organization provided me with information needed about accommodation and the city. During my internship my colleagues were always willing to help me if I had any questions about Brussels. The organization of the internship was really good and as a result I have manage to complete various tasks.

The work environment is really pleasant and the colleagues as well as the director of the company always assist you when needed. My tutor shared his valuable and extensive experience with me. Although he is constantly travelling, he was always very willing to guide me and help me when needed through skype call meetings. He also gave me several great opportunities like attending a conference in Egypt as well as to prepare a research on SMEs and Horizon 2020. Working in Europe for Business I had the opportunity to work with research and innovation proposals which were made by some best companies and organizations in the European Union. There was high consistency between the Master course content and the tasks assigned during the internship. If someone is interested to gain experience in working in European research and innovation programmes then Europe for Business is the best place to go. I highly recommend the company for a three month internship.

April 2014

Name: Iris M.

Year of internship: 2016

Europe for Business (EFB) is a company focusing on supporting Industrial and Research organisations in defining and implementing their innovation and research strategies. Even though the traineeship was carried out at distance, it was a busy one. I gained a "real world" perspective on the occupation of a project manager, in the field of European project planning and management. During the three months traineeship, I developed practical skills on how to develop competitive proposals and create networks and partnerships.

The internship was a valuable resource and a great learning experience: it has broadened my understanding of the European funding world in general and has given me a strong foundation and valuable experience for my future career.

April 2016

Internship held at: Moverim, Brussels (Belgium)

Name: Francesco G.

Year of internship: 2012

Moverim provided me with a detailed work-plan with all the activities I was supposed to do during my stay. They also prepared for me a proper and comfortable working place, providing me with a desk, a computer and a printer to be at my exclusive disposal.

I had the chance to gain my boss trust during my stay, so I was given greater responsibility in the management of projects. I understood what are the techniques to use when negotiating a contract with a client and how to manage the relation with him. I became more confident, because I saw the effectiveness and utility of the activities that I carried out. I also improved my knowledge of French.

April 2012

Name: Luca G.

Year of internship: 2014

I carried out my internship at Moverim sprl, a Belgian/Italian consultancy based in Brussels. The company principal is an experienced project manager with more than 20 years of experience in the field of European project. My experience at Moverim was satisfactory, as I had the opportunity to learn by doing (and I did quite a lot). Indeed Moverim has a lively turnover of trainees, and this gives you immediate responsibilities over the consultancy's daily activities.

I started checking funding opportunities and news related to the field of Research & Innovation, mainly Horizon2020 program, and to attend to info days, seminars and events. Then, I had the opportunity to develop my own project ideas, while being advised by Moverim professionals. Of course the amount of time dedicated to my projects was little confronted to that reserved to Moverim tasks, but if you are not scared by hard working you can learn a lot.

What about Brussels? Well, I suppose that if you chose to look for an internship here you already know the main features. Brussels is a working "jungle", with people from all over the world looking for an opportunity. The competition is extremely high, and you may be requested to carry out big sacrifices in the first period. But on the other hand you have the opportunity to live in a lively, cosmopolitan city, having the opportunity to meet people from all over the world.

April 2014

Internship held at: CONEXX Europe, Brussels (Belgium)

Name: Marc P.

Year of internship: 2012

CONEXX Europe is great. They provided all the information I needed before my arrival. The working atmosphere was very comfortable. My work colleagues were so nice and always available to give a hand or address my doubts. I had my own desk and the keys of the office.

My tutor was always willing to attend my needs. I had a close relationship with him and he gave me a lot of confidence to improve my performance and professional skills. Thereby I was fully satisfied about my duties, as well as my responsibilities.

I felt that the tasks I carried out had a sense and gave a value to the organization.

Referring to issues beyond work, my tutor and work colleagues have been supporting me on building a social network in Brussels. I am completely satisfied with my internship experience.

April 2012

Name: Toni L.

Year of internship: 2016

The internship at CONEXX allowed me to put into practice what I learned during the classroom, which was already practical-oriented and connected to the working reality. So, it was quite easy to enter CONNEXX structure. In addition, all colleagues were really helpful and provided me with all the necessary information.

About Brussels, it is a huge city with a lot of opportunities in terms of accommodation, culture, sightseeing and entertainment.

I would say the the internship was very rewarding and had a positive impact on my life, in terms of working experience and acquisition of new valuable skills.

April 2012

Internship held at: Inovamais, Brussels (Belgium)

Name: Ali S.

Year of internship: 2016

I carried out my internship in Brussels in Inovamais. It's a consultancy firm and they also work in European projects. During my internship, I was given different tasks including: to write some parts of proposal applications, to carry out dissemination activities for ongoing projects, to write correspondence for stakeholders, to monitor progresses of ongoing projects. There was nothing new for me as in my class based course the theoretical part was always followed by practical exercises so I knew how to monitor project implementation and I was fully aware of dissemination of project outcomes.

During the classroom based part of the Master, we had to work on a project as part of our final exam and we worked as a group and filled in a complete application form. So, whenever I was given a task related to a project application, it was not a problem for me. We also learned how to make work packages and I designed work packages for one of the project proposals. The good thing about the Master course is that it provides participants with confidence at workplace: in the end there is nothing you are not familiar with before joining as assistant project manager.

Moreover, I was lucky to have nice colleagues, I learnt a lot from my supervisor and all other colleagues were friendly and always there to support me whenever I needed help. Brussels is a competent place and one can avail the opportunity to network. I had a nice accommodation, although it is bit expensive. The location of Brussels is very ideal as it is very close to Paris, Amsterdam, Luxembourg and Germany. In addition, there are many beautiful cities in Belgium such as, Gent, Antwerp, Bruges... And Belgium chocolates...are very famous and they are really tasty. Overall, I had a great time in Brussels.

April 2016

Name: Alberto D. L.

Year of internship: 2017

I chose to carry out my internship at Inovamais, a consultancy company involved in several European projects and active in the Open Innovation and Technology Transfer field.

Pixel acted as a perfect mediator between me and the company: I was immediately put in contact with Inovamais, as soon as they provided a positive feedback on my application, so that I had the chance to introduce myself and to discuss the practical aspects of the internship. In the time between the end of the course in Florence and the beginning of the internship (about one month) I looked for an accommodation in Brussels: I easily managed to find a room in a shared house, which was close both to the office and to the city centre. Brussels has a constant turnover of interns and finding an accommodation for a fair price is not a difficult task!

Overall, the internship experience was positive and successful. The company's reputation was surely among the strongest points of the internship: Inovamais, which employs 55-60 people considering all its offices (Porto, Lisbon, Brussels, Warsaw, and Heidelberg), is a highly relevant actor in the field of Open Innovation and EU funding/projects. On a daily basis, I had the chance to deal with project management related activities (mainly concerning Horizon 2020 and EU tenders' projects), in addition to other numerous activities concerning proposal writing, stakeholder engagement and public relation. The working environment was pleasant and challenging at the same time. My colleagues, with my experienced tutor on top, helped me to get used to the company's modus operandi and provided me

with solid targeted training. Specifically, I was able to: successfully contribute to run two projects in the framework of EU tenders; participate in project proposals' submission in the framework of the Horizon 2020 Programme; strengthen and widen the company' network throughout public relations activities; identify potential project partners; monitor funding opportunities in the framework of the Erasmus+ Programme; produce presentations for transnational project meetings.

The content of the internship was in line with the Master's contents; therefore I encountered no difficulty in carrying out the above-mentioned tasks. I definitely recommend Inovamais: I believe this internship to be a fundamental step for any student willing to build his/her professional career in the field of EU project management.

May 2017

Internship held at: INFOREF, Liège (Belgium)

Name: Maria Giovanna R.

Year of internship: 2013

Liège is an adorable city, when you can always find some interesting thing to do. In addition, thanks to its position, it is so easy to travel around during the weekends (Belgium, France, Germany, Luxembourg and the Netherlands). INFOREF is the perfect place to have an internship. They have a long experience in the management of European projects and the atmosphere in the office is absolutely positive, I would quite say familiar. I was involved in the management of European projects since the beginning and I had the possibility to participate in several national and international meetings. My colleagues cared a lot about my personal and professional satisfaction and with them I was able to create really good personal relations.

April 2013

Name: Alessandra M.

Year of internship: 2014

The internship at Inforef played a very relevant part of the whole Master: it was the chance to have a practical experience with ongoing projects and a very good basis where to develop new future ideas.

March 2014

Name: Federica G.

Year of internship: 2015

The experience at INFOREF has been really useful. The host organization was really welcoming and professional at the same time. My colleagues were smiling, flexible, and work focused. In particular, my tutor was really kind, patient and diligent.

Working in Belgium in an international environment and in two languages (both English and French) has been an important challenge for me. The activities carried out at INFOREF were really relevant and consistent with the in-class-period. In particular, I have been participating in writing a project proposal in the framework of the Erasmus+ Programme, involving INFOREF and other 8 partners. If I had to use some words to describe my overall experience at INFOREF, I would say it was effective, challenging, useful and highly professional.

May 2015

Name: Anna B.

Year of internship: 2015

I did my internship at Inforef, a small NGO specializing in European projects promoting ICT in the field of education. The organisation has a long and strong expertise in European cooperation and is based in Liège, a small city in the southern francophone part of Belgium.

Liège is a city that hosts a great number of Universities and students both from Belgium and from other European countries and different parts of the world. Contrary to Brussels, it is a city where French is spoken on a daily basis also at work, therefore an internship there is a very good

opportunity for anybody who would also like to improve his/her knowledge of French. It is also very well connected to Brussels (just one hour away by train) and other Belgian cities, as well as to the Netherlands, France and Germany.

Inforef is a small organisation working mainly on Erasmus+ projects. Throughout the years, they have been carrying out projects dealing with a wide range of contents and activities, from the promotion of scientific education through ICT, to the provision of tools for teachers dealing with multicultural classrooms or the promotion of sport as a tool for social inclusion. As Inforef is a small organisation, you get the chance of getting involved in a varied range of activities and steps related to different projects. In particular, I could work for a project for the development of an online platform for language learning targeting foreigners aiming at working in different European countries: I was directly involved in the developing of the platform (creation of contents, videos, providing translations) and in the management, having the chance to participate to a transnational meeting in England with partners from 5 different European countries. Inforef was the coordinator of the project and the meeting was also a chance to understand how decisions and roles are distributed and rediscussed between partners as the project advances, and how problems are addressed on a collective basis. I was also involved in administrative tasks such as minute writing and creation and creation of newsletters and in networking tasks such as searching for possible partners for future Erasmus+ projects and getting in contact with some of them.

Most of the activities I was involved in were consistent with the training course and, many times, complementary. Inforef takes advantages of a wide range of project management tools that they have been developed and applied successfully to different projects over the years, good examples that I could take as reference for future working experiences. The experience at Inforef was interesting and consistent with my expectations. I would suggest this experience especially to anyone who is willing to get a good understanding of Erasmus+ projects and who would like to work not only on the planning phase but also on different aspects of projects' implementation and management.

May 2017

Internship held at: Zinev Art Technologies, Sofia (Bulgaria)

Name: Claudio I.

Year of internship: 2014

I have never had problem in working with new people, but I never had the experience to start a new job in a new organization, in a new country, in a new dimension as an intern and being already considered as a member of the team, somehow as a friend.

I decided my internship to be away from anything I used to know in my past years, which is why I applied for Sofia, Bulgaria. I am happy to say that my experience in Zinev Art Technologies cannot be more marvelous: I have the luck and the honor to know and work with my coordinator Zori and my colleagues whose kindness, respect and loveliness is beyond compare.

I am proud to speak in present tense because during the second month of my internship my coordinator and I realized that we were not able to say goodbye and she asked me to be officially part of their amazing team. From the very beginning they have listened patiently to my ideas, they tried to understand my personality and they have never made me feel an external creature coming from a wild land.

They always accepted me the way I am, they helped me and gave me the possibility to submit an entire project of mine with my name as project manager. And we still have plenty of visions we will carry out together. I want to be nowhere else but here.

April 2014

Internship held at: Bildung und Projekt Netzwerk (BuPNet), Göttingen (Germany)

Name: Loredana C.

Year of internship: 2014

I carried out a successful internship in Germany at Bupnet, spending three months in Göttingen, a very cozy and vivid city.

I have been involved in many different activities connected to the submission of two project proposals under the Erasmus+ Programme.

From the very beginning I felt completely involved in the daily activities of the EU Department of the company and my tutor with all the colleagues were very supportive in all the logistical issues of my staying, such as the accommodation in the city.

April 2014

Name: Ruzha L.

Year of internship: 2016

The internship at BupNet was a very crucial point of the whole master course, as I had the opportunity to put into practice the knowledge I acquired during the intensive months of study.

The staff of BupNet was very welcoming and helpful. My tutor assisted me in every step of writing a project proposal (defining the project idea, calculating budget, submitting the project, informing all involved partners, etc.).

It was very helpful for me having someone following my tasks in a new challenging field. In the meantime, my involvement didn't stop just in writing project proposals, but also in following up ongoing projects and supporting their implementation, dealing with online Moodles which are used in project implementation and tools which are commonly used in project management.

The internship helped me establish new contacts in the EU Projects field and set up a new network of colleagues.

April 2016

Name: Magdalena N.

Year of internship: 2016

My internship at BupNet was great. The tutor assisted me in the search for accommodation. BupNet's work schedule was flexible, as I could start at 8.00 am until 5.0 pm or at 9.00 am until 6.00 pm. The work environment was respectful and collaborative. My tutor was always available to explain new projects and to answer my questions. She completely trusted me in writing up parts of projects proposals, which were then supervised and corrected by her for the submission.

BupNet has a team of experienced project managers, who readily answered my questions and also appreciated my contributions to the projects. Amongst the activities I carried out, I was involved in an extensive desk research towards the planning and implementation of Erasmus+ projects.

There was an overall consistency between the course contents and all the assigned tasks during the internship. Therefore, thanks to the internship, I improved my practical skills in project management, increased my confidence level in project management practice, learnt teamwork and collaboration in an international and multicultural setting, and interacted with BupNet's European partners.

May 2016

Internship held at: Technological Educational Institution of Western Greece, Patras (Greece)

Name: Stamatios B.

Year of internship: 2014

I carried out my internship at the Technological Educational Institution of Western Greece which is a result of a recent merger of the former Technological Educational Institution of Mesologgi and of the former Technological Educational Institution of Patras.

During my internship I had the opportunity to participate in a Life Long Learning Project which is a European project with the main purpose to tackle Early School Leaving across Europe. In close cooperation with my tutor and his guidance, I helped in drafting specific guidelines concerning the key actors of the educational procedure. The strongest contribution of mine in the project's activities though, was the translation of all these guidelines from English into the Greek language.

I must say that, this was my first experience with an international project in real time and, it was a very constructive step towards my future professional destination.

Despite the fact that the TEI of Western Greece is a newly born organization they have remarkable activity within the environment of the international cooperation and participate both as a partner and as a coordinator in several European projects.

In parallel with my main activities, I had the opportunity to cooperate with the President of the Institution who is the main source of ideas.

The TEI is very active in the area of alternative sources of energy and more specifically in Renewable Energy Resources. Thus I had the opportunity to learn a lot of details about this area, to exchange opinions and ideas with the President and his team as well as to assist in drafting new ideas and proposals.

May 2014

Internship held at: School of Pedagogical & Technological Education (ASPETE) Athens (Greece)

Name: Roberto F.

Year of internship: 2013

My host organisation, School of Pedagogical and Technological Education (ASPETE), provides technological and pedagogical education and training at tertiary level. Its mission includes the promotion of applied research in educational technology and pedagogy, as well as the provision of training, further training or specialization for in-service or prospective secondary teachers. ASPETE operates in a number of cities across the country, including Patras, the city in which I carried out my internship.

My tasks as an intern in the organisation were: carrying out European project activities; carrying out the interaction between the project promoter and the partners; preparing project meetings; monitoring the project development; creating project reports, a calendar of activities, a visual presentation and a logo for the project.

Many are the benefits that I gained from my work experience abroad. First of all I learned how to act in a professional environment in a foreign country, feeling confident even when I was still learning the new professional skills and techniques that I was going to apply to my specific duties. I also had the opportunity to use in a more practical way the knowledge I learned during my studies, as well as practicing foreign languages and learning a new one, Greek.

Pixel dealt very quickly with all the arrangements and gave me continuous support concerning the practicalities of training abroad, on the other hand my hosting organisation helped me find an accommodation and gave me many advices on how to better organize my stay.

May 2013

Internship held at: Limerick Institute of Technology, Thurles (Ireland)

Name: Anya T.

Year of internship: 2014

My first choice for the internship was Limerick Institute of Technology and I was really glad to find out that I was accepted.

I stayed in a small little town (Thurles) where one of the campuses is located. The town itself is very small, a perfect image of Irish life. However, it is just one hour away from Dublin.

Limerick Institute of Technology is involved in a number of projects related to energy and sustainability, as well as some education and training related projects.

The internship was very interesting. I participated in a number of project meetings, managed and participated in the research of several different projects, wrote different reports and strategies, collaborated with project partners and submitted application, participated in conferences and workshops in different towns, and even met the president of Ireland, M.D. Higgins.

My tutor is a great person to learn from as he is a master of all trades and a former professor as well, so he has a lot of patience to explain and answer all your questions. All other people in the team are all very supportive and kind.

It was a great experience, and I definitely miss Limerick Institute of Technology.

May 2014

Internship held at: INNOLABS, Livorno (Italy)

Name: Carlotta D. C.

Year of internship: 2014

I attended my internship at INNOLABS Srl a company based in Livorno, which has been raised from a spin-off of the Political Science Department of the University of Pisa. INNOLABS is mainly active in the Tourism, Environment and International Cooperation fields and it is specialized in the R&I and R&D sectors.

INNOLABS work environment is at the same time highly professional as well as informal and friendly. In fact as long as it is a small company, the direct face-to-face daily dialogue with the tutor and the other members of the team is a guarantee of directed and systematic learning experience. INNOLABS ensures a valuable multicultural experience due to their regular collaboration with its international partners.

Since the beginning of the internship experience, I have been fully integrated in the work team and I was treated as a valuable group member. My tutor, and all the colleagues have been always extremely willing to help, accessible and cheerful. Under the attentive and warmth guidance of my tutor, I have been directly involved in the writing activities dedicated to the April 2014 tranche of H2020 deadlines. Moreover, I've carried out tasks such as background researchers, financial studies, production of questionnaires, communication and coordination activities among projects' partners.

The experience at INNOLABS has been tremendously educational both from the professional and human standpoints. I have been constantly stimulated, supported and encouraged to overcome my limits and fears and I am grateful for this. Finally, "Learning by doing" is the company's motto. Because I greatly appreciated my internship experience I highly recommend INNOLABS Srl if you are eager to learn and work being embedded at the EU forefront. The internship at INNOLABS has now developed into a work collaboration.

May 2014

Name: André H.

Year of internship: 2015

I did my internship in Pisa, at Innolabs Srl. It was a positive experience for the personal relationships established with the colleagues and it was a good support for me that a previous participant from the 2nd Master edition was also working here after her internship, because they were more prepared and already knew what to expect. In summary, it is a small company with a good working environment. Innolabs works mainly in Horizon 2020, both in project proposals writing and managing the partnerships, but also in the implementation stage of projects with the preparation of some deliverables in the water sector.

I am currently still working at Innolabs.

May 2015

Internship held at: Museo Galileo Galilei, Florence (Italy)

Name: Juliette A.

Year of internship: 2014

I did my internship at Museo Galileo (Florence) which reflected my personal interest in the cultural field.

For the work environment, I could not ask more regarding the location, which was really amazing. The integration with the colleagues has been really good, as they were all nice with me.

My tutor was the chief of the European projects' department. He was specialized in 3D modeling, so I learnt a lot in a field I knew nothing about, in addition to all the aspects related to the European cooperation. In particular, I had to find calls regarding 3D-Cultural Heritage, sum up and explain calls or proposed projects, provide information about the budget and the time schedule.

The classroom based part of the course taught me how and where to find the required information, but also the structure for a good development of a project idea. Those skills helped me to answer to my tutor's questions and necessities.

April 2014

Internship held at: APRE, Rome (Italy)

Name: Karolina J.

Year of internship: 2016

The internship at APRE was well organized: I could choose the area I wanted to work on and I received a lot of feedback, advice and helpful comments from my tutor and my colleagues in the office. I was working on many different tasks related to both project planning and project management in many different fields, including environment, international cooperation and legal and financial aspects.

I could put the knowledge I received during the course in Pixel into practice: the information I received during the course proved to be useful at my every-day work. The working environment in APRE was good: everyone was helpful and very open, I quickly felt comfortable in the office.

Although the work in APRE was done mostly in English, everyone spoke Italian in the office, in casual conversations, lunch and coffee breaks, etc.; therefore I would advise this place to a person who speaks/understands Italian a little bit. I would also recommend to be very pro-active and engaged during the internship.

April 2016

Internship held at: University of Latvia, Jelgava (Latvia)

Name: Domenico V.

Year of internship: 2013

I started my internship experience on 18 February 2013, when I arrived in Jelgava. The internship perfectly reflected my expectations, as I was effectively involved in project management activities.

It has been an excellent and useful experience, even if I was a “beginner” in this specific field. The University of Latvia Project Unit is the perfect place for an internship period. Dace Maulina and Agnese Olsevskā are not only two excellent project managers, but also two perfect tutors who followed me in all the tasks I was asked to carry out. They listened to my suggestions and helped me in the most complex activities (eg. The production of a budget plan).

May 2013

Internship held at: University of Luxembourg, Luxembourg (Luxembourg)

Name: Federica G.

Year of internship: 2013

The first impact with Luxembourg has been really good, as it is a nice city where transports work really well. The accommodation has been provided by the hosting institution, a single room in the University campus.

With reference to my job activities, my tutor has been really helpful, in particular with the accommodation and all the information I needed. All my colleagues have been warm and I was able to create immediately a network of friends. I participated in the dissemination activities of the Web2llp European project. In addition, I was involved in the administrative and budget management of several projects, acquiring new interesting skills with a particular reference to the use of social media. I have been involved in online meetings with European partners and in the organisation of the University Partnership Day.

The possibility to acquire new skills and to have important responsibilities represents the main strengths of this experience.

After my internship I was offered a job in Luxembourg and I decided to stay.

May 2013

Internship held at: Malta EU Steering and Action Committee, La Valletta (Malta)

Name: Laura M.

Year of internship: 2012

My host organization in Malta was MEUSAC, Malta European Union Steering and Action Committee. MEUSAC is a government agency whose main duties are: consultation, information and support on EU Programmes and Funds.

During my internship I had the opportunity to work on all these three main components, in particular I was involved in writing project applications (for Youth in Action, Lifelong Learning Programme and European Social Fund) and to prepare press releases, articles, reports and booklets about EU funds and programmes.

I am very happy to have been selected to work at MEUSAC. I feel it has been beneficial to my personal and professional development.

In my free time I volunteered with a local association working with refugees and migrants from Africa and with them I worked at the organisation of Malta Refugees Festival. Moreover I had the opportunity to visit all the historical sites of Malta, to enjoy its beautiful beaches and to meet people from all over the world (Europe, Africa, Asia and South America): Malta is a very multicultural country!

April 2012

Internship held at: Landstede, Zwolle (The Netherlands)

Name: Valeria C.

Year of internship: 2012

My internship experience in Zwolle has been really good. Landstede is a very important vocational institution in the Netherlands, with several offices in the Overijssel region and several buildings in the city of Zwolle. The institution focuses on the internationalization of education and is very active in the field of teachers and students' mobility. In addition, the organisation has several European projects.

My tutor, Udo Lut, and the colleagues have immediately involved me in all the activities carried out by the international office. During the internship, I have been working on several European projects in the field of education financed by the Lifelong Learning Programme. My tasks were: production of newsletters, questionnaires' evaluation, websites upgrade. In the month of June, I have been participating in the organisation of the international meeting of the European project Frojol, coordinated by Landstede. Finally, I carried out several researches about the European policies. The results of some of my researches (Erasmus for all, Brugge Communiqué) were presented to the school executive board.

The internship experience has been really interesting from the working and human point of view. Thanks to the practical experience and the cooperation with experts, I was able to acquire important skills in the management of European projects. Tutor and colleagues have always been helpful and involved me in all the activities. It has been quite easy to create good human relations with them. It was a pleasure to visit the Netherlands with my colleagues both on the occasion of national meetings and personal trips.

Zwolle is a nice town in the region of Overijssel. The bicycle is the best mean of transport, as the town has a good network of bicycle path. Landstede has a residence which is available for the offsite students. They offered me the possibility to rent single room in this residence, which is completely immersed in a park and far from the city centre. It was the best choice because I had the opportunity to meet other students and create new friendships. In the city of Zwolle there is a lot of foreign students going there for their Erasmus or in the framework of the Leonardo Da Vinci Programme. During my stay, I also collaborated with a University organisation, taking part in many activities addressed to the Erasmus students.

In conclusion, my internship at Landstede has been a great opportunity for a professional improvement, but overall it has been an unforgettable life experience. I have to thanks Pixel, which organized everything in a professional way and was always completely helpful.

May 2012

Name: Anna C.

Year of internship: 2014

I attended my internship in The Netherlands. Zwolle is the city that hosted me and Landstede the school that I had the pleasure to work for.

My personal experience was of high value both professional and human.

In Landstede I carried out several activities since the beginning. I was immediately involved in the submission of two Strategic Partnership and one Mobility project. For these projects I was mainly responsible of the communication with the partners but I had also the chance to fill the application forms

and to participate to the preparatory meetings where my opinion and my point of view were always considered.

The work environment of Landstede is really enjoyable. My tutor and my colleagues were extremely friendly and polite, always available to help.

I am still in touch with the people that I have met there and I have to say that I can always rely on them if I have any advice to ask.

March 2014

Internship held at: 36.6 Centrum Kompetencji, Lodz (Poland)

Name: Danilo C.

Year of internship: 2013

Among the experiences carried out during the internship, I quote: working in an international context; management of different European Project activities; getting practice on financial management issues of European Project; interaction with the project promoter and partners; participation in project meetings; carrying out of dissemination activities and strategies of European project; monitoring different steps of European Project management activities; supporting the production of project reports; development of internal administrative documents and procedures; preparation of certificates, leaflets, folders, informational material.

After my internship I feel really gained confidence in myself, in my personal skills, in interaction with people from all over the world.

June 2013

Name: Igor R.

Year of internship: 2015

36.6 was very informative – for the internship purpose as well as for spending private life in the foreign city. I have found accommodation quickly and they were also willing to share the ride to the office in order not to spend too much time using public transportation. This was also the opportunity to talk about different aspects of my work in the organization.

The main activities I carried out during the internship were:

- Preparation of task lists and project calendars in different projects carried out
- Attendance on two different transnational meetings; one in Germany and one in Scotland
- Attendance on one week trainers workshop in the field of education in Glasgow, Scotland
- Preparation and submission of two new Erasmus+ projects

The internship was for me very important in the sense that I can observe the methodology and implementation of different EU project. This allowed me to see where I'm good in my work and where were the possibilities to make my work better. For that reason I highly recommend 36,6 CC as host for other interns in the next years.

April 2015

Internship held at: EuroEd Fundatia, Iasi (Romania)

Name: Stella V.

Year of internship: 2013

My experience at EuroEd has been extremely positive.

I've been warmly welcomed since the first day and I immediately felt part of the team. All the team has always been nice, kind and careful with me, more than expected (or...dreamed) and absolutely more than I ever experienced.

I've been involved in many activities, covering almost all the aspects of European project management: international meetings, dissemination and exploitation activities, conferences, surveys, advocacy plans, communication activities through twitter and so on.

I really learnt a lot, not only doing all these things but also observing the commitment and brilliant work of all the staff. One of the things that I appreciated the most is that I could give my personal contribution in many occasions.

Beside the working moments, I had a lot of chances to spend some free time with my colleagues, including the president of the Foundation, Anca. We did some trips together, went out for dinner or cinemas. This also gave me the chance to learn more about Romanian people and their traditions.

April 2013

Internship held at: University of Bucharest, Bucharest (Romania)

Name: Ilaria M.

Year of internship: 2012

My host organization, the University of Bucharest's Psychology and Educational Sciences Department has been involved in several International project and is gaining experience in the management of these projects.

During my internship I have been integrated in the team working at the European project EE-T. I was involved in both research and management activities. Together with the Project manager Mrs. Georgeta Ion I organized the activities of the team, I was involved in the creation of a research paper, requested in the framework of the EE-T Project's WP2, as well as in several dissemination events. Moreover I was responsible for all the updating regarding the project activities and the dissemination events to be uploaded in the project website and I also had several administrative duties regarding for example the organization of team's member's travels and the preparation of documentation related to partnership's meeting, the management of expenses. Moreover I was responsible for the production of 4 of the first year project report: the activities, the dissemination, the evaluation and the financial report. During my mobility I presented to the vice dean Mrs. Catalina Urlich a handbook explaining the different funding opportunities which could be interesting for the Department, in the framework of the LLP programme and of the 7FP and presenting all the necessary information to understand these Programmes, their relevance, their objectives and of course the challenges that could be useful to keep in mind. Moreover on behalf of the Department of Educational Sciences I had the chance to take part to the several conferences and workshop, among which the Marie Curie Action Road Show and the Impact Evaluation of development programs workshop, hosted by the World Bank in Bucharest.

During my internship I have been deeply involved in several activities; indeed I developed new skills and deepened some of my competences. I had the chance to enhance my report abilities, as well as my communication activities indeed I was responsible for the internal communication of the project the team was implementing. Moreover I benefited from the international environment where I was working, I improved my linguistic skills, by improving my knowledge of the proper terminology required in this field. I enriched my knowledge with regard to project management and I had the chance to apply my academical knowledge on the field. Furthermore I enhance my understanding about dissemination strategies and activities by actively participating both to the organization and the implementation of the activities.

I am currently still working at the University of Bucharest as European project assistant.

May 2012

Internship held at: Autonomous University of Barcelona, Barcelona (Spain)

Name: Rossella P.

Year of internship: 2014

When I was selected to take up my internship in Barcelona, I already knew that it would have been a great experience. Some years ago I spent there my holidays visiting the city and I was very impressed. For this reason when I start living there I had high expectations.

I decided to go to Barcelona at the beginning of February in order to find a room and after just two days I got it in a very nice apartment in one of the most typical districts of Barcelona, Gràcia. Once I have found where to live, I had time to go to Italy, take my stuff and come back at the end of February to Barcelona to start my experience.

About the work, I had no idea about what I could find there and I was very curious about my tutor, my colleagues and the activities I would have carried out. The first day I met my tutor for lunch, she was a young professor and since the beginning she was very helpful and kind, she showed me how the buildings of the campus were organized and introduced me to the team.

Since the first day I started working carrying out concrete tasks related to the projects that the Autonomous University was coordinating and I felt really accepted and integrated into the team. During three months I had the opportunity to carry out the communication with project promoters and partners, attend internal meetings, write documents for the UAB, fill the needs related to the management of some projects, support the drafting of some project proposals (Erasmus +), support the planning of the dissemination strategy and attend seminars and workshops.

It was a very positive experience. I felt the need to put into practice what I've learnt during the Master course and I was very happy that with my tutor and my team I worked on tasks very consistent with the position I was covering there. It's true that it was just for few months but finally I could start working in the field of the European project planning and management, I acquired new skills and I knew professionals in the field who taught me a lot and with whom I'll definitely keep in touch.

May 2014

Internship held at: Florida Group, Valencia (Spain)

Name: Miglena A.

Year of internship: 2016

In my opinion the internship was a complete success. My work included full assistance to the project manager in almost all activities, including: filling application forms; implementing and writing reports for intellectual outputs; project website development and updating of contents; research for new project possibilities; filling partner information forms and assisting project partners with other necessary information; assisting in making of videos, questionnaires, handouts, guides, presentations, evaluations and budgets for five on-going projects. All in all, the internship was very consistent with the theoretical course at Pixel and helped me to see the practical side of the lectures.

My workplace was organized with a computer and prepared for me in advance, which made a good impression. Also, I really liked the relation with my tutor, Laura, who was a mentor and a friend to me. Working with her was a pleasure and I was really able to learn a lot. In addition, Laura was always helping me and consulting me on any other issues I might have outside the office like transport, events, locations, services, etc. My questions were always answered and I was completely satisfied with my choice.

In Valencia there is a big choice of apartments for rent because the city welcomes many Erasmus and foreign students every year. My stay in Valencia was very pleasant and interesting: I practiced my Spanish, I found a lot of new friends and my part time internship allowed me to travel and explore more, which was a perfect advantage to the working process!

April 2016

Name: Miglena A.

Year of internship: 2016

My internship was held at the international department of Florida University in Valencia, Spain. I was very well received, supported and guided by my tutor, Laura Uixera, and by the whole team of this department. It was a great professional experience, both personal and human. I learned a lot from the work I did and the people I worked with.

I have been involved in different projects of different areas and programs, most of all Erasmus + but also Horizon 2020. In this internship I had the opportunity to apply and develop the knowledge acquired in the theoretical part in Florence and to learn about more practical aspects, from cooperating in the elaboration of new projects for submission to the management of ongoing projects and logistical issues for some international meetings.

When the internship was over I was hired by Florida Universitària for a few more months, having been a privilege for me and the recognition of my dedication and the acquired and developed learning. Also the gratification of continuing to work with this excellent team and being involved in new projects.

April 2017

Internship held at: Instituto Tecnológico de Galicia (ITG), Oviedo (Spain)

Name: Eni K.

Year of internship: 2014

Instituto Tecnológico de Galicia (ITG) offers good opportunities for people with environmental, sciences, or technical background.

The main programmes you can reach together are Horizon 2020 and Life (Environment and Climate change).

I am still cooperating with them on a Horizon 2020 call as an external resource and I am very pleased.

May 2014

Internship held at: Politeknika Ikastegia Txorrieri, Bilbao (Spain)

Name: Cvetelina D.

Year of internship: 2016

I have been working as an assistant European project manager in Politeknika Ikastegia Txorrieri located near Bilbao, Spain. It is a professional school with more than 400 students. I have been working in the international office of the school from Monday to Friday (9 a.m. till 2 p.m). The head of the international office was also my tutor during the whole internship. Working with her was a real pleasure as she is very friendly, open-minded, and always willing to help. I have been working with her in the framework of the Erasmus+ Programme. My main responsibilities were: writing project proposals within the KA2 actions; preparing documentation for KA1 students going on an internship abroad; participation in a kick-off meeting and in a Multiplier conference, where I had the chance to share my own international experience.

I really liked Bilbao (the biggest town in the Basque country and its economic capital): it is not the typical city, which comes to your mind when you think about Spain, but it definitely has its own charm. It has an efficient transportation system (metro, buses, and tram) and a great variety of foods. In addition, the whole town has been renovated during the last 20 years, so it has a modern look. There are lot of things you can do during your free time, including going to a football game in the "Cathedral", which is a sacred place for the local fans of Athletic Bilbao. I took advantage of my free time and when the weather was good I visited a lot of fantastic places in the Basque country.

With reference to the accommodation, I looked up some rooms before my arrival and saved some phone numbers. When I got to the town, I arranged a few appointments and I was very lucky to find a great room in a nice flat near the center of Bilbao.

I recommend those willing to go on an internship in Spain to have a basic knowledge in Spanish, as few people speak a good level of English. Although the working process was completely in English, it will be much easier for you to integrate and to interact with your colleagues if you know some Spanish.

April 2016

Internship held at: LEITAT, Barcelona (Spain)

Name: Cvetelina D.

Year of internship: 2016

I carried out the internship at LEITAT. As a scientist, I was really interested in doing the writing part and this is a technological center which really matched my interests. At LEITAT they work not only on the preparation of proposals (writing part) but also on the management of H2020 and other research and innovation national projects. So in my opinion it is a nice place to learn.

The work environment is really nice and I was super happy with the internship. I had a very nice tutor who gave the opportunity to participate in Skype and also face to face meetings. I contributed in the writing of 3 proposals they were preparing in topics related to my background so very nice, even if I wrote relatively short parts I learned and enjoyed the internship a lot.

After the internship, I got an opportunity to work in the management part in another consultancy instead and I think it is also nice to have an overview of the whole project life cycle. So if you are a scientist I think LEITAT is the perfect place!

April 2017

Internship held at: European Minds, Stockholm (Sweden)

Name: Simona M.

Year of internship: 2013

Before the beginning of the internship, the main issue has been represented by the search of a place in Stockholm: my suggestion is to use innovative channels, like the social media. Thanks to the publication of an ad on a Facebook group (Stockholm University Student Union), I was able to find an accommodation.

It is not so easy to be part of a Swedish group of people if you are not really motivated. For this reason I started to attend a Swedish course, to take part in linguistic tandem in several bars of the city, to participate in cultural events. And it was easier to get in touch with new people.

With reference to my work activity, I was able to create good relations with my colleagues, who somehow adopted me. With some of them - first of all my tutor - I would talk about a real friendship, rather than a work relation.

With my colleagues, we represented European Minds in the framework of different events, creating a relation of mutual trust and confidence. I never felt a kind of distance between me and them. Day after day, I have been involved in projects, providing my feedback for the production of evaluative reports. After two weeks I began to work autonomously. During the weekly meetings I had with my tutor, we discussed in depth about some topics I was interested in.

I managed on my own the Europemobility project, with a specific focus on the search of new associated partners, the production of reports and the relation with the partners. Finally, I had the opportunity to meet a member of the Swedish National Agency, who gave me interesting practical information.

May 2013