

Transnational Cooperation Activity

Title of event: Enhancing Digital Competences in Education and Training

Starting date of the event: 04/09/2019

Ending date of the event: 07/09/2019

Event venue: Tallinn, Estonia

Working language: English

Number of places in total: approximately 70

Profile of participants: The seminar is open to participants within the fields of school education, vocational education and training, adult education and higher education. The contact seminar is mainly targeted at representatives from schools, VET and higher education institutions, second chance schools, adult education centres, teacher training institutions, enterprises, research institutions and other organisations interested in the theme of the seminar and committed to developing cross-sectoral Erasmus+ strategic partnerships.

NB! The participants are expected to register on the event website, share their photo and contact details with other participants (in the password-protected section of the website) and prepare a brief introductory presentation (details will be provided to the selected participants).

Themes and goals of the event:

The overall idea of the contact seminar is to find partners with similar interests and develop ideas for the new KA2 strategic partnerships on the topic of ICT and digital skills. The seminar will also give an opportunity to share experience and discover new approaches in the field with a special focus on creating cross-sectoral and transversal collaborations between different types of organisations.

Digital technologies are key drivers of innovation, growth and job creation in the global world. However not everybody has the knowledge, skills and attitudes to be able to use digital technologies in a critical, collaborative and creative way.

The lack of digital competence of a large part of the EU population has dramatic repercussions on their employability perspective. The rapid digital transformation of the economy means that almost all jobs now require some level of digital skills, as does participation in society at large. Digital skills are now as vital as literacy and numeracy and Europe therefore needs digitally competent people who are not only able to use but also to innovate and lead in using these technologies.

Digital competence refers to the ability to use digital technologies. It involves the confident and critical use of Information Society Technology (IST) for work, leisure and communication. Being digitally competent is more than being able to use the latest smart phone or computer software — it is about being able to use such digital technologies in a critical, collaborative and creative way.

One of the main challenges that require actions from educational sector is how to prepare the population to constantly keep updating digital competences in order to adapt in technologically diverse environment. Transnational collaboration and exchange of innovative ideas between European educational institutions through Erasmus+ programme is an opportunity for tackling these issues.

Expected results: Participants will find motivated partners with same interests and will draft good quality cross-sectoral KA2 project proposals for the next Erasmus+ selection round.

Programme of event: Will be available soon at the website of the event. The seminar will start with dinner on the 4th of September and will finish with lunch on the 7th.