# Cooperation between education and the labour market

## **EAEC STIG2 Annual meeting**

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## Motivations

#### **Motivations**

- 1. The public investment in education generates return when fresh graduates enter the labour market and put their knowledge and skills to produce wealth
- 2. Education/Labour cooperation is a key factor to development and economic growth
- 3. A smooth transition between education and the labour market is beneficial to all the players
  - a) It allows students to get the job they want, contributing to their personal realization and well being
  - b) It contributes to an efficient integration in the enterprise, contributing to minimize the cost of adaptation and promoting the transfer of innovation from universities to enterprises
  - c) It also promotes education institutions that become recognized for providing a type of education that is valuable to the enterprises and attract more students.

## Stakeholders

#### **Stakeholders**

- 1. HEI, VET
- 2. Companies
- 3. Research labs
- 4. Students
- 5. EU and national bodies related to HE.

## Aims and objectives

#### Aim

Foster the **bilateral transfer of knowledge** and share/debate the common concerns related to the cooperation between the education world and labour world in order to promote synergies and create opportunities for innovation and a more effective cooperation.

### Yearly objectives

Indicator	Objectives			
	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	Points
A. members	50	100	200	1
B1. projects applications	1	1	1	200
B2. projects selected for funding	0	1	1	500
C1. reports and papers produced	5	10	20	25
C2. reports and papers published	3	4	10	50
D1. events participation	5	10	20	10
D2. events promoted	2	3	4	50
E. persons reached	?	?	?	

# Operating procedures

#### Operating procedure

- Promote an annual meeting at ERACON congress
- Organize a thematic session at the ERACON congress
- Attract new members
- Setup a platform and keep it updated with resources and discussion
- Develop project ideas and submit applications for funding
- Organize events
- Participate in events
- At each annual meeting agree on 3/4 hot topics to be discussed during the coming vear
- Organize members in small teams (2/4 persons) to address each of these topics with the purpose of writing a paper on the specific topic
- Select the best paper and, somehow, reward the group of members involved in it
- From time to time (once a year, once every other year) draft a position paper of the area in EU
- Assign points to contributions
- Use these points to rank members.

## Achievements 2014/15

#### **Achievements**

- a) 26 members
- b) EAEC STIG platform setup
- c) Paper at Praxis Forum 2014

"Fostering an effective transition between education and labour", Nuno Escudeiro, Paula Escudeiro, Miguel Gonçalves, Laura Esteves

a) EAIE 2015 session

1094: Internships and University/Enterprise cooperation: keystones in youth employability and transfer of knowledge

# Strategic options

### Strategic options 2015/16

- a) Create critical mass, increase number of members
- b) Be noticed, produce some notorious output.

# 2015/16 Key actions Hot topics

#### Key actions 2015/16

- a) Load platform with relevant content/resources
- b) Promote discussion on hot topics
- c) Develop a project to apply for funding, Erasmus+, ...
- d) Publish a position paper on the paradigms of cooperation between the worlds of education and labour.

#### Hot topics

- a) Paradigms of cooperation between the worlds of education and labour
- b) Alignment of recent graduates competences to labour market expectations/needs
- c) Employability, competences
- d) Certification of transversal skills
- e) ....

# Thank you!