The SMI has privileged access to employment and training in the EU

The SMI certainly is one of the success of the Euroform RFS. The International Mobility desk (SMI) was created to promote work experience and training in Europe. This mission includes the promotion and implementation of internships and studies abroad. Interlocutors of the SMI are young graduates, recent graduates, unemployed, as well as public and private institutions, small and medium enterprises, associations and local authorities. After the establishment in partnership with the Province of Cosenza, there was the collaboration with other institutions, such as the University of Calabria (UNICAL). According to the EU, which gives an important rule to the international mobility in order to achieve study and work skills, the SMI, during the years, has promoted the developing of these competences and abilities and has received a large amount of requests to participate to the mobility projects.

LLP: in only three letters there is the future in 27 European countries

LLP stands for the Life-long Learning Programme. LLP is the heir, among others, the well known "Socrates” and "Leonardo", pioneers in the field of education and training at EU level, which have been well integrated and included in a single container. The 27 participating countries aim to contribute to the economic development of European society, based on knowledge. In particular, LLP intends to increase trade, cooperation and mobility between education and training systems, so that they become a benchmark of worldwide quality. Structurally, it comprises four sectorial sub-programs: Comenius, Erasmus, Leonardo da Vinci and Grundtvig, completed by Jean Monnet. In 2012 Euroform RFS has activated three of four field programs.

Orientation within the LLP

The International Mobility desk (SMI) in Rende (Cs)

Transnational Mobility, an opportunity easily to reach

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Eighty opportunities for young people of the Province of Cosenza. Eighty new training and work experiences. Euroform RFS, the Province of Cosenza, PromoCosenza, Confartigianato, CNA of Cosenza and UIL are the protagonists of the most important mobility training of people available on the labor market of the territory. This year, through the project “Marco Polo 2012”: a fast path for development and innovation of local SMEs through the transnational training of the youth in the Province of Cosenza", experiences of internship will affect seven EU countries (France, Germany, Ireland, Lithuania, Malta, the United Kingdom and Spain). Divided into two streams, the first departure will be from late April till May, for those, who have already been completed selective phases, but the second departure is still accessible for those, who intend to take a part in the next selection on 13th June 2012, for departure between summer and autumn. The training, alternating with periods of internship, will take place in organizations, operating in the seven EU countries mentioned before. Themes of training range from culture to tourism and environment of crafts, as well as social services and education to agriculture. Main requirement for participating is the resident of Municipalities of the Province of Cosenza. For participants Euroform RFS has created a guided path that will allow them to receive “pre-departure” trainings. The training period is thirteen weeks. To participate, you have to fill out the form, what is available at the SMI in Rende (Cs) or downloaded from the website: www.euroformrfs.it.

Marco Polo 2012 pre-departure activities
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Interview with... Fabio Matragrano
Confartigianato of Cosenza

Confartigianato of Cosenza, partner of Euroform RFS in the project "Marco Polo 2012". What are your hopes and expectations? From the outset, our collaboration with Euroform and implementation of the "Marco Polo", was considered by Confartigianato an important opportunity for the growth of our businesses. The knowledge of the performance of different realities of European economics, gained through the experiences of young participants, represents a significant cultural heritage and improvement of the management of SMEs of Cosenza and other cities.

Can the comparison influence birth and growth of SMEs of Cosenza?

The comparison always is positive for me. Check the experiences of European Production companies allow us to understand not only if there are opportunities for innovation, or possibilities of growth and change, but also shows the confirmation of the ability to do business in our production department. In fact, it was important to create the mission in Lithuania between trade unions in the Province of Cosenza with those, in the host country, who has created synergies and comparisons of entrepreneurial experiences and you can see a different credit system in Lithuania that allows the local enterprises to access to the credit.

Are there some countries you are more interested in? The exchange with Lithuania was interesting and we hope to establish economic relations with local businesses. However, we can evaluate new opportunities.
"We met them during the preparation phase, organized by Euroform RFS, before our departure. During the orientation tour, was worthwhile to get to know the host country”

Stefano Adrianopoli  
GERMANY

I love traveling. I have traveled a lot in my thirty years. I was born in Scalea, but my beloved country is Germany. To return in Berlin, where I lived for some time, is my dream. I am leaving with the hope to stay there and put into the practice my degree in Political Science and a Masters in Diplomatic Studies. I would like to work in a Non-profit organization. The meeting with Euroform was providential, truly a beautiful reality in Southern Italy.

Veronica Santelli  
LITHUANIA

Although I don’t know much about Lithuania, I’m really happy about my destination, because I have heard a lot of good things. I would like to prove and test myself in a marketing, I think, I have the accordant preparation to be appreciated abroad. Thanks to my determination, I hope, I will not have big problems in adapting to different culture. A friend of mine talked to me about Euroform and about its professional staff.

Nadezda Ivanova  
MALTA

I have a degree in mechanical engineering awarded in Russia, but currently I live in Cosenza. I’m 25 years old. I ran into the Marco Polo 2012 on the website of the Province of Cosenza, and when I came to the interview, I appreciated the seriousness of those, who work in Euroform RFS. I speak English well and in Malta I’m going to work in the sector of tourism. I don’t know what my future will bring, but my character is ready to face up to new experience with determination.

Tonia Gagliardi  
SPAIN

I live in Longobucco and I have 29 years. I have known Euroform RFS before, but the project Marco Polo 2012 I found out in the Employment Centre of Rossano. My destination will be Spain, where I hope to work in the field of marketing, because I have a degree in Business Administration. My most important professional experience, after the graduation, was in a studio of commercial. This experience will be the beginning of personal and professional growth that, I hope, will influence my life.

Here’s a new blog, created by Euroform RFS, where to exchange the news, enter into discussions, post the comments and videos from the world of Leonardo Mobility. All bloggers who want to share their successes, experiences, difficulties of their staying abroad, are very welcome to use this free, innovative and useful virtual space. We were born Italians, we are becoming European bloggers! Click On www.euroformrfs.it/inviaggioconleonardo
Incoming Euroform RFS
Erasmus Work Placement, Leonardo da Vinci, Grundvig, Comenius...

KAUNAS UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY (KTU)

From its beginnings to nowadays, the Department of Incoming Euroform RFS has brought in Calabria more than a thousand foreigners. From February to May 2012 Lithuania has become a protagonist of the Erasmus Work Placement. Three young students from Kaunas University of Technology are attending an internship at the company Valuetech srl in Rende.

Ieva Simenaite
I’m attending the last year of Engineering Mass Media in Kaunas. Thanks to Erasmus and Euroform, I arrived to Italy. At Valuetech I’m improving and increasing my knowledge. Erasmus is not just a work, it’s another reality.

Justinas Vadluga
I’m also a final year student of Engineering Mass Media. At Valuetech I have a chance to improve my skills, especially in design and graphics. I feel involved in the work and it helps me to improve myself. Thank you, Erasmus!

Justas Ivanauskas
I’m proud to be a student of Kaunas University of Technology, the largest of the Baltic countries. At Valuetech I’m dealing with graphic blogs and appliqués. I feel an important part of the work and I love what I’m doing.

Work as you study (Ways)

There is a piece of Sweden in Cosenza. Three young students from Nordic Business Institute in Sweden are in Calabria, with the Mobility programs activated by the Scandinavian countries for internships abroad. Through the Euroform RFS, students are attending an internship in local companies for three months (from February till May).

Ortensia Longo –
legal responsable of Debim srl

“In my company is hosted a student attending a stage within the program You Work Study. The balance is positive. If there is cooperation, this program is useful for both. Dealing with people from other nationalities, is important to know different ways of working. Young people in my company are a valid elements and assistance”.

Sanna Angelroth

“My internship takes place in the area of clothing industry and great distribution. For three months I will work in the department of purchasing. This is an important experience, that will help me in my workplace.”

Malin Kulaweera

“The experience of working in Italy will be important for my future, because I learned a new language”

Karin Hoffsten

"Working and studying abroad opens up new opportunities. Italian is a language that will help me tomorrow”

VETPRO -İzmir
Göztepe Kız Teknik ve Meslek Lisesi
(Turkey)
To get to know the world of education in the Region of Calabria – that was the purpose of the journey of eleven officials from Turkey, who reached Cosenza last March and visited schools and vocational institutes as a part of the program VETPRO. The delegation visited the ITIS in Cosenza and IPPA in Rende. Substantial meeting was with the Deputy Mayor for Education of the Province of Cosenza.