

WP 2 National Focus Group Meeting Austria

P3 Danube University of Krems

P10 Senate

Monday, 18th June 2018, 02:00 – 03:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

Participants

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Agenda

Item	Description	Action
1	<p>Agenda of the meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview project ApprEnt • Definition of dual studies in sense of the project • Good practice presentation higher education • Good practice presentation company • Presentation international input from Brest and Chester • Discussion and collection of needs and thoughts to establish dual studies in Austria <p>participants have been a mix of people from companies, higher education, private persons and official institutions.</p>	
2	<p>Welcome and presentation of the project</p> <p>Isabelle Grundschober (P3) and Robert Frasn (P10) welcomed all participants and gave an overview about the project ApprEnt in general. P3 presented the intention of the project to establish dual studies as an additional part of apprenticeship training. She also informed about the 2 additional events which are planned in Austria regarding this project. P10 informed about the link to apprenticeship like it's known in Austria. Means for people around 15 or 16 years old just finished their ground school (9 years) in Austria.</p>	
3	<p>Definition of dual studies in sense of the project</p> <p>P3 presented the 6 major characteristics of higher apprenticeship like they are defined within the ApprEnt project definition.</p>	
4	<p>Good practice HE</p>	

	<p>The planned interview with the academic director of the best practice example FH St. Pölten has to be cancelled due to technical problems. P3 presented the learning of the interview before this virtual meeting with FH St. Pölten.</p> <p>For HE practice P3 presented the case of FH Campus 02 Graz. This is a bachelor study program in Business Software Development. The program has all identified characteristics of a program we call a dual study program within the ApprEnt project. Major goal is to get new target groups into a similar program like apprenticeship in case of the strong need of qualified employees. It is a program designed for 18-20 years old people, the first program starts in October 2018. Out of the registrations is clear that even people with a non-technical background are interested in attending this program. This was one of the goals for it. In the first semester there will be a matchmaking with related companies. In 3rd and 6th semester they students are 3 days in the companies with a dedicated mentor and 3 days at University.</p>	
5	<p>Good practice company – A1 Telekom Austria</p> <p>P10 presented the good practice of A1 Telekom with FH Technikum Vienna. This program started September 2017 therefore they have a lot of real learnings in it. Students in this program are 3 months in the company and 3 months on the university. Their direct managers are deeply involved in the mentoring even as they have a dedicated mentor also. Actually they have 12 students in the program which all are satisfied by the combination of theory and practice. The major challenges are the organization between company and HE, especially the transfer of negotiations from the program manager at HE to the lecturers. Major challenge inside is to find enough departments which have tasks that fit to the input/output of HE. Their program will be expanded in September next 13 students start. More details are reported in the good practice description.</p>	
6	<p>Presentation international input Brest and Chester (out of 2nd full partners meeting in Brest)</p> <p>P3 presented the major learnings of 2nd full partners meeting and the presentations of the Universities Brest and Chester.</p>	
7	<p>Discussion and collection of needs and thoughts</p> <p>Finally there was a virtual discussion of needs and thoughts based on the collected input on padlet. The major points out of this discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a need of networks and building clusters especially for smaller companies • There is a need to explain “dual study” to candidates • There is a need to outline the advantages for companies to participate and engage in higher apprenticeships • There is a need of more good practice examples • There is a need to clarify where are the differences of dual studies in sense of the ApprEnt definition related to the Austrian well known practice (internships) during normal studies • Experiences: 2 types of delivery modes, 3 days practice, 2 days university or 2 months practice and 2 month theory – both delivery modes alternating • Experiences: Portfolio or ePortfolio as learning and assessment instrument • Strengths/chances: knowledge transfer, consulting for companies, supporting LLL, supporting 21st century skills, facilitates the first entry into the job market, suitable also for people with working experience, being up-to-date with technological development, preparing for disruptive change in economy/society • Challenges: coordination between the involved partners, mentor training, 	

	<p>attractiveness for learners, benefit for companies, suitable assessment methods</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggestions: Developing clusters for delivery of higher apprenticeships for SMEs, financial support of companies to send their employees in higher apprenticeship, ePortfolio for documentation and assessment 	
	<p>Final remarks</p> <p>There is a recording of the meeting available (in german) on youtube: https://youtu.be/bBFWyWxsLis</p> <p>There is an ongoing padlet documentation of the needs and thoughts available (in german): https://padlet.com/isabell_grundschober/apprent</p> <p>There is established an ongoing Facebook Group: https://www.facebook.com/groups/2071319796473497/?ref=bookmarks</p> <p>Slides available on Slideshare: https://www.slideshare.net/IsabellGrundschober/webinar-dual-studieren-in-sterreich?ref=https://isabellgru.eu/index.php/2018/06/01/learning-workshop-duales-studium/</p> <p>Blogpost with all digital artefacts of the webinar: https://isabellgru.eu/index.php/2018/06/01/learning-workshop-duales-studium/</p> <p>P3 and P10 closed the meeting with the outlook of further discussions and information like mentioned above. Most participants sent positive feedback and looking forward to further discussions.</p> <p>Next Meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12th of December: Face-To-Face event in Krems about mentor training • TBC 2019: Final Event 	