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LEONARDO MOBILITY TRANSNATIONAL PLACEMENTS IN ENTERPRISES OR TRAINING INSTITUTIONS

PROVINCE OF REGGIO EMILIA PROJECT PROPOSAL

General context for the LDV proposal:

The action **Transnational Placements in Enterprises or Training Institutions** of the **Leonardo da Vinci** sectoral programme aims at the support of transnational mobility of workers, self-employed or people available for employment (including graduates) undergoing a training period abroad in a vocational training context.

The general objectives of this mobility action within LDV sectoral programme are:

1. To support participants in training and further training activities in the acquisition and the use of knowledge, skills and qualifications to facilitate personal development, employability and participation in the European Labour Market.
2. To enhance the attractiveness of vocational education and training and mobility for individuals and to facilitate the mobility of working trainees.

Operational objectives:

- To improve the quality and to increase the volume of mobility throughout Europe of people involved in initial vocational education and training and in continuing training, so as to increase placements in enterprises to at least 80.000 per year by the end of the LLP.
- To encourage the learning of modern foreign languages.
- To support the development of innovative ICT-based content, services, pedagogies and practice for lifelong learning.
- To facilitate the development of innovative practices in the field of vocational education and training other than at tertiary level, and their transfer, including from one participating country to others.

Conditions

The training placement is considered as a period of vocational training and/or work experience undertaken by an individual participant in a partner organisation in another participating country.

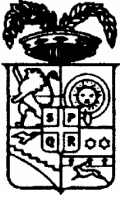
We search for a partner organisation available to receive and organize the training placement of our trainees.

Category of beneficiary:

People in the labour market - graduates - residents in the territory of the Reggio Emilia province.

Professional fields:

- Administrative - Accounting.
- Communication (Advertising, Computer Graphics, Web Publishing, Webmaster).
- Social services and Education (for example activities who involve young people, international exchange projects, school guidance, social assistance, immigrations services).
- Tourist services (Hotels, restaurants, Tourist information, Accommodation services)
- Environment and sustainable development (Environment education centres, Renewable energy, National parks, Forest services).



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- Law.
- Enterprises Management.
- Automotive - Mechatronics.

Age of participants: 21 to 29 years old.

Duration: 14 weeks (September - December 2008)

Who we are?

The Province is the intermediary local government between the 45 local Municipalities and the Emilia-Romagna Region (which represents the regional government).

It represents over 500.000 inhabitants, operating administrative, political and coordinating competences, promoting the interests and needs of the population. In wielding its authority on a vast area, the Province targets a well-balanced social, cultural, economic and environmental development for its community.

The Province plays administrative functions in the following fields:

- a) land conservation, environment protection and enhancement, risk prevention;
- b) protection and enhancement of energy and water resources;
- c) valorisation of cultural and artistic heritage and promotion of the landscape awareness;
- d) managing of transport and roads and improving sustainable mobility and interconnectivity;
- e) protection of flora and fauna, parks, natural reserves;
- f) hunting and fishing;
- g) waste disposal management at the provincial level, water discharge, gas emissions and noise production monitoring and control;
- h) health and public hygiene services devolved by the national and regional legislation;
- i) competences related to secondary school, artistic institutes and vocational training, devolved by national and regional legislation;
- j) data collection and processing, technical and administrative assistance to the local authorities;
- k) promotion and co-ordination, in cooperation with the Municipalities and based on specific programmes, of activities concerning economic, trade, tourist, social, cultural and sports areas;
- l) realization of activities of territorial interest, planned and developed with Municipalities;
- m) promotion, in cooperation with the University (UNIMORE) and some research centres, of the development of research and technology activities in the territory.

General Data:

Area in sq kms: 2.291,67

Population: 501.385

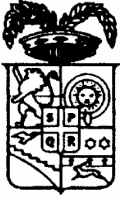
GDP/head (€): 25.378,50 euro

Unemployment rate: 2,6%

Employment rate: 70,6%

Key sectors of activity:

- High-mech technology
- Food farming
- Material building and construction
- Fashion
- Information and Communication technology



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- Health
- Research infrastructure: University of Modena and Reggio Emilia (UNIMORE) and Reggio Emilia Innovation (REI)

Number of enterprises: 58.709 companies (over 1 enterprise for 10 inhabitants)

Success factors:

High entrepreneurial energy

It is based mainly on the small and medium size enterprises which are a critical resource for the economy of the whole Reggio Emilia area and region.

Cultural and landscape heritage

The resources are diffused all around the area and they are not improved enough. The main characteristic is a network of 1 national park, 3 local parks, 3 natural reserves and 22 sites of the Natura 2000 network.

The whole provincial territory has many historic signals settled along the main communication roads. They are castles, ancient villages and little churches linked to the period of Matilde di Canossa. The hills, located in the south of the plain of Reggio Emilia, represented the main background during the 11th century, for the most relevant European political events. Around the "Canossa Castle", actually turned into a prestigious museum greetings many tourists, there is plenty of fortresses that constitute the "Matildica Tourist Area".

The Province of Reggio Emilia is moreover deeply involved, as founding member, in the activities of the European Network of Local and Regional Authorities for implementing the European Landscape Convention [<http://www.recep-enelc.net>].

Good position in international context:

The President of the Province, Ms. Sonia Masini, is a member of The Committee of the Regions of the European Union, which is the political assembly that provides local and regional authorities with a voice at the heart of the European Union. She's one of the 24 Italian members and takes part in the following commissions:

- CONST, constitutional affairs European governance and the area of freedom, security and justice.
- ECOS, economic and social policy. The competences of the ECOS commission are: employment; social policy and social protection; equal opportunities; enterprise policy, competition and taxation; economic and monetary policy; internal market.

For these reasons, the Province is interesting in economic matters in an European level.

The territory is involved in international business with high rate of export and the trade balance value is the best at national level.

Deep resources of specific know-how:

The area has a relevant equipment of public research centres, at regional and national level, even if the number of private unities is lower.

To each technological sector corresponds a high-level qualified centre, in particular in mechatronic, motoring and mechanical fields.