Digital Opportunity Traineeship Initiative (DOT)

Traineeships in Digital Skills

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Erasmus+ boosting digital skills through traineeships

Students in all domains need to be educated in digital skills, not just those who choose an ICT career.

Pilot project to provide cross-border Erasmus+ traineeships for up to 6,000 students and recent graduates in 2018-2020.

ICT specialist skills

Digital skills for business
What is a traineeship in digital skills?

One or more of the following activities are practiced by the trainee:

• digital marketing (e.g. social media management, web analytics)
• digital graphical, mechanical or architectural design
• development of apps, software, scripts, or websites
• installation, maintenance and management of IT systems and networks
• cybersecurity
• data analytics, mining and visualisation
• programming and training of robots and artificial intelligence applications
What is NOT a traineeship in digital skills?

- Generic customer support
- Order fulfilment
- Data entry or office tasks
- Using Microsoft Office software
What is a digital skills traineeship?

- Definition in the 2018 call Erasmus+ programme guide listing a number of activities (p. 32)
- When one of the listed activities is practised during the traineeship it becomes a "traineeship for digital skills"

Geographical scope

- Traineeships implemented in Programme Countries: through intra-European mobility (KA103)
- Traineeship implemented in Horizon 2020 associated countries (including Switzerland): through International Credit Mobility (KA107)

How does it work?

Use of the existing Erasmus+ rules to boost traineeships in digital skills
Almost 4,000 students have already benefited from the initiative

Main sending countries:
Germany
Spain
Belgium
What can **YOU** do to improve it?
Build a strategy

- Contact your Universities
- They should consult with colleagues (professors, career service, international relations office, etc.) to tailor their strategy
- Think how best to make DOT a success in their institution
- They should help their students find their traineeships to improve their digital skills
Get employers on board

✓ Use our digital toolkit to inform employers about this opportunity
✓ Available in all Programme Country languages
With this initiative, a key building block of the future programme is in your hands!