

NICE Network

Strengthening career guidance and counselling practice by international learning and sharing

Introduction

Last year In Dialogue (www.in-dialogue.org) worked together with the NICE network (www.nice-network.eu) on raising the capacity of (teacher) training programmes, with a focus on career guidance and counselling through. Doing so by using the funding opportunities offered by the Erasmus+ programme, sub programme education and training (adult education).

Because the organisations that applied last year got granted, we will continue the initiative over the years to come. In Dialogue will offer various high quality international courses for teacher trainers, counsellors, coaches, and management of many of the NICE organisations to improve their competences and network with other schools and staff focusing on career guidance and counselling. The cooperation will also offer opportunities to job shadow colleagues in other countries, to see and be inspired by how they work with this focus area.

- *Courses*: First and foremost various courses will be offered throughout the EU, to develop the competences of career guides, coaches and counsellors as well as management/ leadership and other support staff in relation to guidance and counselling. The courses will be highly practical though based on a solid theoretical foundation. In the annex to this document you can find the courses offered to the NICE network for the upcoming funding deadline of Erasmus+ (1st February 2018). These courses are all developed in such a way that they fit the priorities of the funding programme and the ambitions of the NICE network. Furthermore all courses follow a coherent methodological approach and complement each other.
- *Nice Conference (Krakow)*: Those intending to use Erasmus+ funding, can also use it for the planned NICE conference (6-8 September 2018). That conference will be planned in such way, that it can be seen as a structured training course for Erasmus+ funding
- *Job Shadowing*: Another option is to use funding to visit other organisations in other EU member states (and some neighbouring countries), and walk along with staff there (shadow their work) to see and learn from other ways of guiding and counselling. Job shadowings are normally around 3 days and the programme of the visit is set by the participant and receiving school.

Erasmus+

The Erasmus+ sub-programme KA1 education and training offers funding opportunities for professional competence development of individuals and capacity building of adult education organisations. Through this programme, organisations can get grants to send their non-teaching and teaching staff to professional trainings and job shadowing. The programme is available for organisations in EU member states, plus Norway, Iceland, Lichtenstein, FYROM and Turkey.

Generally, there is one deadline a year, which in **2018 is the 1st of February 12.00 C.E.T** And with one application organisations can apply for up to 100 so-called mobilities



(one mobility stands for one training, or one job shadowing, etc.). If applied for the 1st February 2018 deadline, organisations can send participants from spring 2018 onwards (until summer 2020 the latest).

Who can apply?

The vast majority of the NICE Network members can apply for Erasmus+ KA1 adult education. When they are involved in teaching and training adults, outside of the formal curricula (being it as their main aim or as a side activity) and working on educational guidance and counselling, they are most likely eligible (even though they in some cases also receive Erasmus+ KA1 higher education funds, they can next to that apply for adult education). Also, often teacher training for school teachers is placed under adult education. In Dialogue will be glad to check with individual organisations if and how they can be seen as eligible under this funding programme.

Application process

In Dialogue has many years of experience in Erasmus+ funding (and of course, offering high quality international courses) and will provide the applying institutions with a high quality template application form, and give guidance in how to complete it for the 1st February 2018 deadline. After granting In Dialogue will provide tools for monitoring and evaluation as well as for the final reporting process.

Finances

The Erasmus+ grant will be enough to cover 90 to 100% of the course fee, travel and stay, depending on the range of activities applied for (with or without job shadowing). Erasmus+ offers lump sums for all costs, keeping the administrative burden very low!

The course fee for all the 5 day courses is 750 Euro. For Erasmus+ you can apply for 5 days of course fees (total 350 Euro). Next to that, you will receive a fee per mobility of 350 Euro, which is for preparation, mentoring, etc. (which will be mostly done by us). This means that up to 700 Euro will be funded by Erasmus+. If you add job-shadowings to your application, money left on them can be used to cover the remaining 50 Euro.

For the NICE conference the fee using Erasmus+ will be 600 Euro, which will cover participation in the workshops of In Dialogue, as well as the conference fee.

Travel and stay are financed by another part of the grant and in almost all cases are sufficient for travel, food and accommodation. Travel funding depends on the distance travelled, and stay depends on the country where a course is held.

Interested?

If your organisations are interested in applying please let us know soon. The deadline is the 1st of February 2018, but we would like to be well in advance to support your application process.



When applying for the 1st February 2018 deadline, mobilities (e.g. courses) can take place between spring 2018 and 2019 - or 2020, when choosing for a 2 year project. And when applying, you do not have to mention specific staff members, only what sort of staff (e.g. management, principals, career guides, etc.). Later you decide who will go to which activity.



Looking forward hearing from you!

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