

## PROMOTE

Promoting and Validating Key Competences in  
Mobility and Traineeships in Europe



## PROMOTE project: Course for facilitators

**Kaunas, Vytautas Magnus University (LT), 28-29 January 2016**



### Course:

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#### Background for the course participants

Key competences, like social and civic competences, sense of initiative and entrepreneurship and learning to learn competences are essential in a knowledge society. They are needed to adapt more quickly to constant changes in an increasingly interconnected world. They are a major factor in innovation, productivity and competitiveness, and they contribute to the motivation and satisfaction of workers and the quality of work.

PROMOTE aims at developing and validating those key competences in rather informal learning settings such as internships, traineeships, practice phases or ERASMUS mobility placements with the help of a „competence oriented learning“ approach.

With this PROMOTE seeks to bridge the gap between formal education and practice and between academia and business.

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In year 1 of the project the main instruments and materials have been developed based on an innovative and practical blended learning approach which promotes the acquisition of these competences.

In year 2 the approach shall be piloted with students and adult learners from 6 European countries in the aforementioned informal learning settings.

They shall be guided and supported by organizers/facilitators (PROMOTERs) on their informal learning journeys.

In January 2015 a free training event will be offered to the first wave of the PROMOTERs. They will participate in an exclusive training program consisting of:

- E-learning and distant learning (preliminary phase)
- Transnational 2 days event in Lithuania Kaunas
- Collaborative group works on the my-VITA e-Portfolio, synchronous online workshops/webinars (follow up phase)

PROMOTE organizers/facilitators will be familiarized with the importance of informal learning at the workplace, provided valuable information on how to assess informal learning outcomes with regards to key competences. Moreover, they will learn how to support and optimize informal in-company learning processes.

After training PROMOTE organizers/facilitators will:

- Recruit students and/or professional, adult learners,
- Prepare the internships, traineeships, practice phases, placements with the students,
- Clarify the students' and interns' learning project,
- Accompany them on the web learning space „my-vita.eu/promote“.

The participation in this project is connected to an award which will be given to most creative and innovative learning and validation projects. The winners will be invited to the final conference of the PROMOTE project.



## Program

**January 27 (Wednesday):** Arrival day, warm up and speed-dating

**January 28 (Thursday):**

1. The PROMOTE concept and the pilot programme
  - a. Team, Project, Pilot programme, Elements (internships, learning platform, project)
  - b. A bit of theory: Key competences and Competence oriented learning
  - c. How can the key competences be learnt and promoted (group work)
  - d. Discussion and presentation
2. The LEVEL5 approach
  - a. Presentation of the validation approach
  - b. Hands-on: your level of competence oriented learning and validation; self-assessment exercise 1; exchange with neighbour

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3. The Kaunas example (+ another example; maybe from EDUCCKATE):
  - a. Presentation of the learning project (concept etc.)
4. From validation of informal learning to planning of informal learning (The LEVEL5 planning grids for PROMOTE facilitators)
  - a. Short input on the planning instruments
  - b. Work groups: How to develop a competence oriented learning concept from the students/interns; facilitators work on their cases

**January 29 (Friday):**

5. Presentation of the my-VITA PROMOTE platform and the PROMOTE learning suite
  - a. Hands on session to explore the platform and the materials
  - b. Discussion
6. How to recruit students
  - a. The EDUCCKATE experience
  - b. All materials and sessions to be presented

AFTERNOON:

Transnational conference and exchange

**January 30 (Saturday):** Departure

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### Registration:

Please register to the course by filling the form *by January 10, 2016 at the latest*: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1YnzIBOYscBkBZe9tW3gQa6CZpAWuN0DGjBZpq2ah7VM/edit>

### Accommodation

The organizers have arranged an agreement with the hotel Best western hotel Santaka ([www.santakahotel.eu](http://www.santakahotel.eu)) on lower prices for PROMOTE course participants. The hotel is in the Old town of Kaunas and in a good proximity from the university building where the event will take place. It is 3-4 stops by public bus or a joint taxi possibility if participants choose. Please make your reservations using the form attached by filling it out and sending directly to the hotel on the email indicated in the form. Booking through this form *offers a guarantee of a Promote participant price up to December 15*. After that date the participants will have to arrange their own accommodation.

### Travel

Kaunas is 100km from the capital of Lithuania, Vilnius, where the majority of international flights arrive. There are rather good bus and train connections from Vilnius airport to Kaunas, however, connections to very late or early flights may be a bit complicated. Please note, that there is also an international airport in Kaunas that is mostly offering Ryanair flights: <https://www.kaunas-airport.lt/index.php?lang=en>.

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