



## **SPACE Conference**

EU-VIP Workshop: organizing virtual and blended work placements in an international context

Thursday 7 October 2010

10.30 – 12.00

Internationalization has become one of the key issues in present day European Higher Education. It consists of a conscious integration of an international dimension into research and teaching, mostly in response to the challenges brought about by globalization.

For a large number of students though it is not possible to go abroad for social, financial or other reasons. On the other hand, the growing success of Erasmus and other exchange programs has revealed a new need for students to get more and better guidance and support. Virtual Mobility can offer solutions in both cases.

The concept of Virtual Mobility can be defined as „a set of ICT supported activities that realize or facilitate international, collaborative experiences in a context of teaching and /or learning“. There are different levels at which Virtual Mobility can be implemented in higher education. In this workshop we will focus on how international work placements can be enhanced through the use of new technologies.

The workshop is organized in the framework of the EU-VIP project. EU-VIP stands for Enterprise-University Virtual Placements. The end goal of the project is to develop guidelines for:

- virtual mobility activities to support international placements (or „blended“ placements),
- fully virtual placements.

In this workshop we will elaborate on the framework for organizing virtual and blended placement which has been developed by the EU-VIP partners. Special attention will be paid to dealing with intercultural and multilingual communication in virtual or blended work placements.

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