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- Strategic Partnerships for vocational education and training
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General Information

This report form generated from the Mobility Tool+ consists of the following main sections:

- **Context:** this section resumes some general information about your project;
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- **Budget:** this section gives a detailed overview of the final amount of the EU grant you request;

For your convenience, some parts of this report are prefilled with information from the Mobility Tool+

1. Context

this section resumes some general information about your project;

Programme	Erasmus+
Key Action	Cooperation for innovation and the exchange of good practices
Action	Strategic Partnerships
Action Type	Strategic Partnerships for vocational education and training
Main Objective of the project	Development of Innovation
Call	2016
Round	Round 1
Report Type	Interim / Progress
Language used to fill in the form	EN

2. Project Identification

Grant Agreement Number	2016-1-UK01-KA202-024361
Project Title	Deaf Enterprise: Entrepreneurship Training for Deaf Sign Language Users
Project Acronym	Deaf Enterprise
Project Start Date (dd-mm-yyyy)	01/09/2016
Project End Date (dd-mm-yyyy)	31/08/2018
Project Total Duration (months)	24
Beneficiary Organisation Full Legal Name (Latin characters)	UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL LANCASHIRE

3. Summary of participating organisations

Role of the Organisation	PIC of the Organisation	Name of the Organisation	Country of the Organisation	Type of Organisation	Accreditation of organisation (if applicable)	Partnership Entry Date	Partnership Withdrawal Date
Applicant Organisation	999883858	UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL LANCASHIRE	United Kingdom	Higher education institution (tertiary level)	UK PRESTON01	01/09/2016	31/08/2018
Partner Organisation	927019592	Castberggaard	Denmark	School/Institute/Educational centre – Adult education		01/09/2016	31/08/2018
Partner Organisation	940130500	ISLA s.r.l.	Italy	School/Institute/Educational centre – Adult education		01/09/2016	31/08/2018
Partner Organisation	949518257	STICHTING ROOTS & ROUTES	Netherlands	Foundation		01/09/2016	31/08/2018
Partner Organisation	945804418	Pragma - Equal Access	Netherlands	Small and medium sized enterprise		01/09/2016	31/08/2018

Total number of participating organisations

5

4. Project Management and Implementation

Please provide an overall state of play of your project: what are the achievements of the project at this stage? Are the initial project activities and objectives being carried out and reached so far?

The objective of the Deaf Enterprise project is to develop a website and a curriculum to support deaf sign language users who want to start their own business, and/or who want to learn about entrepreneurship and/or employability. The starting date of the project was September 2016.

In year 1 of the project, there have been no major deviations from the workplan or the planned output. The only – minor - deviation was a change in the dates of the transnational “Train the Trainer” workshop. For various reasons, it was moved from June 2017 to November 2017. This change was approved by the NA./

Achievements at this stage:

IO1. Deaf Enterprise OER

In year 1, we launched the Deaf Enterprise website (www.deafenterprise.eu and www.deafenterprise.com), we set up a Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/deafenterprise.eu/>) and a YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCT2LOdE9ftzJPe59kdfiqMw>)

On the website, visitors can find a (growing) database of Deaf Entrepreneurs in the EU (<http://www.deafenterprise.eu/index.php/deaf-entrepreneurs>) , a Glossary (<http://www.deafenterprise.eu/index.php/glossary/glossary>) and national and international resources (<http://www.deafenterprise.eu/index.php/glossary>).

On the website, we now have 8 video interviews with Deaf Entrepreneurs from Denmark, the UK and Italy (<http://www.deafenterprise.eu/index.php/interviews>). Most interviews are in International Sign, some in the national sign language of the interviewee. All interviews are (or: will soon be) subtitled in English.

We use Google Analytics to monitor the visitors to the website. The website is consulted on average by approximately 20 users per day; not huge numbers, but the website is ‘work in progress’ and our target group is small. Visitors come not only from EU member states but from across the world.

IO2. Deaf Enterprise Curriculum

Partners have consulted their target groups, met with Deaf Entrepreneurs, and looked at various mainstream curricula for entrepreneurial training. Much effort was and is being invested in finding the optimal way to teach deaf sign language users about entrepreneurship and/or employability.

Preliminary requirements were agreed upon during the first consortium meeting. Although learning outcomes will have to be the same as for mainstream training

programmes, the starting position of deaf participants can be very different from those of mainstream target groups. Partners agree that it is not sufficient to give deaf participants 'access' to mainstream methods and learning materials. Both will have to be developed specifically to meet the interests and needs of deaf sign language users.

Another requirement that partners have agreed upon is that the trainers of the national workshops will have to be experienced Deaf entrepreneurs who can serve as role models for the participants in the workshop. Fortunately, partners have been able to find and contract 6 Deaf trainers who fit our profile (UK 2, DK 2, IT 2). They will participate in the Train the Trainer workshop in Siena in November 2017. A draft programme for the Train the Trainer workshop has been developed by R&R.

For the curriculum, partners have produced and adapted various formats and activities. These will be discussed and finalized during the Train the Trainer workshop in November. The materials can be found on the restricted part of the project's website (<http://www.deafenterprise.eu/index.php/tasks/curriculum>).

IO3. Deaf Entrepreneurs in the EU: Survey and Recommendations
Requirements for the Survey and a first draft were discussed at the third consortium meeting at Castberggaard, in May 2017. An updated version of the Survey is now online and waiting for translations into International Sign, BSL and the written languages of the partners. The launch of the Survey is planned for October 1. We will use direct mail, social media and the networks of the partners to advertise the Survey.

Please describe further in details the project activities supported by the grant for Project Management and Implementation that have been carried out until now.

Project management is shared between UCLan and Pragma.
UCLan is responsible for the financial management of the project and monitors budget and expenses. A partner agreement was produced by UCLan and signed by all partners.

Pragma is responsible for the day-to-day management of the project. In the restricted part of the website partners can access the workplan, the budget, agendas and minutes of meetings the latest 'to do' list, work in progress and various other relevant resources (consortium members only, <http://www.deafenterprise.eu/index.php/homepage/log-in>).

Pragma is responsible for the organization of the meetings, including agendas and minutes. At each meeting, a 'to do' list is agreed upon with tasks – and deadlines – for the next period (<http://www.deafenterprise.eu/index.php/meetings>).

At the start of the project, a mailing list was set up; all partners receive copies of all project emails and participate in discussions and all decision-making. At the start of each month, Pragma sends partners a monthly update with a summary of tasks accomplished in the past month and work to be done in the next period.

At consortium meetings, we are assisted by 2 sign language interpreters who translate spoken English into International Sign and vice versa. We have been fortunate to have been able to contract the same 2 interpreters for all meetings.

For dissemination purposes, a logo, name-sign and 'Welcome video' in International Sign were produced, as well as a postcard with information about the project and the national workshops that will be organized in 2018.

How is the monitoring of the project being carried out so far and by whom?

UCLan monitors the budget, supported by a dedicated Project Officer and Finance Officer. Regular budget review meetings are held with the project partner and the university financial team. The team meet every 6 months to discuss progress and met in September 2016, April 2017 and September 2017. In between meetings, the team are in regular contact to support with queries as they arise. UCLan request and receive information about partners' spend every quarter and the information is entered into the Erasmus+ Mobility Tool.

At each meeting, partners complete an evaluation form with questions about the meeting, the process and the output of the project. Pragma monitors the project's process, sends out reminders and monthly updates to keep all partners up to date on progress.

How did the project partners contribute to the project so far? Has the distribution of tasks been adjusted since the application stage?

Partners contribute to the project as planned. There have been no changes in the distribution of tasks.

If your project involves other organisations, not formally participating in the project, please briefly describe their involvement.

NA

If relevant, please describe any difficulties you have encountered in managing the implementation of the project and how you and your partners handle them.

In the workplan, the Train the Trainer workshop was planned for June 2017. Partners envisaged various problems with these dates and preferred to have the workshop in November. The National Agency was informed, a formal contract amendment was applied for and approved (contract amendment, dated 5 April 2017: " I can confirm that the changes detailed in the contract amendment request form submitted for this

project have been approved by the UK NA. “.

5. Transnational Project Meetings

Please briefly describe the Transnational Project Meetings that have been organised within your project so far.

The consortium had 3 transnational consortium meetings, as planned:

1. Kickoff meeting, UCLan, Preston, 3-4 November 2016
2. Consortium meeting 2, R&R, Rotterdam, 9-10 February 2017
3. Consortium meeting 3, Castberggaard, 25-26 May 2017

All meetings were 1.5 – 2 day meetings; they were attended by all partners. For each meeting, objectives were set to guide discussions. At the end of each meeting, partners completed an evaluation form.

Hosts of the meetings provide the partners with for travel information, make hotel and dinner reservations and are responsible for all practical matters involved in organizing a transnational meeting.

Partners start meetings with a joint dinner the night before the first meeting day. On day 1, the hosts organize a consortium dinner for all partners. If possible, partners stay at the same hotel, to allow for informal contacts. The two sign language interpreters always join us for all meals, so are available to assist whenever necessary in the communication between signing and non-signing partners.

At all meetings, an 'invited expert' presents information and/or participates in some of the discussions. At the kick-off meeting in Preston, a UCLan representative demonstrated some of the resources that are available to hearing students at the university.

At the second meeting in Rotterdam, Winston Scholsberg, one of the hearing R&R trainers, involved the consortium members in a short motivational training; afterwards, he participated in a discussion of the usability of this training for deaf participants.

At the third meeting at Castberggaard, Holger Jensen, director of the Job Centre for Deaf people at Castberggaard gave a presentation about the Job Centre. A report can be found on the website:
<http://www.deafenterprise.eu/index.php/good-examples/denmark>

The agendas, minutes and photos of the meetings can be found on the project's website (restricted part):
<http://www.deafenterprise.eu/index.php/meetings>

Meeting ID	Meeting Title	Start Date	End Date	Receiving Organisation	Receiving Country	Receiving City	No. of Participants
24361-TPM-00001	Quarter One Meeting	2016-11-03	2016-11-04	UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL LANCASHIRE	United Kingdom	PRESTON	5
24361-TPM-00003	Meeting 3	2017-05-25	2017-05-26	Castberggaard	Denmark	Hedensted	6
24361-TPM-00002	Meeting 2	2017-02-09	2017-02-10	STICHTING ROOTS & ROUTES	Netherlands	Rotterdam	7
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6. Intellectual Outputs

Please note that the below data is a representation from the relevant section in MT+

Output Identification	O1
Output title	Deaf Enterprise OER
Description of the intellectual output	<p>A Website with information, tools, videos, interactive and other resources that can be used to train the target group in entrepreneurial skills. Information will include a database with names, contact information of Deaf Entrepreneurs in the EU, interviews with Deaf Entrepreneurs; a Glossy with relevant terms with explanations in English and International Sign; the Deaf Enterprise Curriculum; Information on mobility support & options; online tools; videos and other resources; a network/forum of Deaf Entrepreneurs, trainers, trainees, etc. (for a small pilot version, see www.deafenterprise.eu). The OER can be used for independent study, for dedicated training activities for Deaf sign language users, and/or to support and supplement mainstream entrepreneur education activities with Deaf participants.</p>
Start Date (dd-mm-yyyy)	01/09/2016
End Date (dd-mm-yyyy)	31/01/2017
Available Languages	English
Available Medias	Database, Facebook, LinkedIn
Leading Organisation	UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL LANCASHIRE
Participating Organisations	Pragma - Equal Access, ISLA s.r.l., Castberggaard
Output Identification	O2
Output title	Deaf Enterprise Curriculum

Description of the intellectual output	<p>A Curriculum will be developed, implemented and evaluated; the Deaf Enterprise Basic Training (5 days) for Deaf Sign Language users (all ages). The training will focus on entrepreneurship as a key competence that enables people to develop the skills they need for life and work, and will address active citizenship, social entrepreneurship, venture creation as well as employability (European Commission/EACEA/Eurydice. 2016 Entrepreneurship Education at School in Europe. Eurydice Report. Luxembourg: Publications Office of the European Union). The training course will use a mainstream curriculum as its starting point, but this will be adapted & translated to meet requirements & preferences of the Deaf Enterprise target groups. Trainers will be trained to organise and lead workshops during an international "Train the Trainer" workshop. Three national Deaf Enterprise workshops (different age-groups, different sectors, interests) will be organised in the participating countries. The workshops will have 3 objectives: (1) to train the participants; (2) to evaluate and improve the curriculum, and (3) to collect and develop additional content for the OER (O1): e.g. videos of teachers and participants, examples, etc.</p>
Start Date (dd-mm-yyyy)	01/09/2016
End Date (dd-mm-yyyy)	31/01/2017
Available Languages	English, Dutch, Italian
Available Medias	Interactive Resource, Video, Website
Leading Organisation	UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL LANCASHIRE
Participating Organisations	STICHTING ROOTS & ROUTES, Castberggaard, Pragma - Equal Access, ISLA s.r.l.
Output Identification	O3
Output title	Deaf Entrepreneurs in the EU: Survey & Recommendations
Description of the intellectual	<p>A survey of Deaf Entrepreneurs in the EU: training, barriers, support, recommendations, results. The Survey will be used (1) as input for O1; a database of names & contact information of Deaf Entrepreneurs, Interviews, good examples, etc. and (2) for a report that describes and evaluates the effectiveness of specific strategies/tools/resources/training options for Deaf Entrepreneurs in</p>

output	strategies/tools/resources/training options for Deaf Entrepreneurs in EU countries, resulting in an overview of barriers and opportunities for Deaf Entrepreneurs and recommendations to promote/support the awareness of training in entrepreneurship of Deaf Sign Language users.
Start Date (dd-mm-yyyy)	01/09/2016
End Date (dd-mm-yyyy)	31/01/2017
Available Languages	English
Available Medias	Interactive Resource, Publications, Website
Leading Organisation	Pragma - Equal Access
Participating Organisations	STICHTING ROOTS & ROUTES

7. Multiplier Events

Please note that the below data is a representation from the relevant section in MT+

Event Identification	E1
Event Title	Deaf Enterprise Workshop 1: Deaf Students in Higher Education
Description of the multiplier event	A national workshop (5 days) for students and graduates of the University of Central Lancashire, Preston, UK
Country of Venue	United Kingdom
Start Date (dd-mm-yyyy)	01/04/2018
End Date (dd-mm-yyyy)	30/06/2018
Intellectual Outputs Covered (using Output Identification number)	O2;O1
Leading Organisation	UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL LANCASHIRE
Participating Organisations	

Event Identification	E2
Event Title	Deaf Enterprise Workshop 2: Deaf Artists, Filmmakers, Photographers
Description of the multiplier event	A national workshop (5 days) for Deaf artists, filmmakers, photographers at the Siena School for Liberal Arts, Siena Italy
Country of Venue	Italy
Start Date (dd-mm-yyyy)	01/04/2018
End Date (dd-mm-yyyy)	30/06/2018

Intellectual Outputs Covered (using Output Identification number)	O2;O1
Leading Organisation	ISLA s.r.l.
Participating Organisations	

Event Identification	E3
Event Title	Deaf Enterprise Workshop 3: Frontrunners
Description of the multiplier event	An international workshop (5 days) for Frontrunners, in Castebjerg (Denmark)
Country of Venue	Denmark
Start Date (dd-mm-yyyy)	01/04/2018
End Date (dd-mm-yyyy)	30/06/2018
Intellectual Outputs Covered (using Output Identification number)	O2;O1
Leading Organisation	Castberggaard
Participating Organisations	

8. Learning/Teaching/Training Activities

Please note that the below data is a representation from the relevant section in MT+

Activity No.	C1
Field	Vocational Education and Training
Activity Type	Short-term joint staff training events
Activity Description	Workshop 1, Train the Trainer
No. of Participants	0
Participants with Special Needs (out of total number of Participants)	0
Accompanying Persons (out of total number of Participants)	0
Is this a long-term activity?	No
Funded Duration (days)	0
Participating Organisations	

9. Follow-up

9.1. Impact

What has been the project's impact so far on the participants, participating organisations, target groups and other relevant stakeholders?

The impact on the participants is considerable; we are much more aware now of the power of Deaf entrepreneurs, as well as the many barriers that they have to overcome. Because of the participation of a 'mainstream' partner in the consortium, R&R, with no previous experience with deaf sign language users we are becoming more aware of the differences between deaf and mainstream learners and the specific requirements that a training programme for deaf sign language users has to meet. All partners agree that much more is required than 'access' to mainstream materials. What exactly this 'more' is, is an ongoing learning process.

Because the curriculum and the website are still under development, we have not yet tried to actively involve the target groups and other relevant stakeholders. We will intensify these efforts when the Deaf Enterprise Survey is launched (October 2017) and after the Train the Trainer workshop in November 2017.

9.2. Dissemination and Use of Projects' Results

In case already applicable, to whom did you disseminate the project results inside and outside your partnership so far? Please define in particular your targeted audience(s) at local/regional/national/EU level/international and explain your choices.

Although we have not yet undertaken any significant dissemination activities – all planned for year 2 of the project – the website already has visitors from across the world, see above under item 4.

At the Train the Trainer workshop in Siena (November 2017) the Deaf trainers of the national workshop will record introductions and invitations for the national workshops. The videos will be posted on the project's website and Facebook page.

10. Budget

this section gives a detailed overview of the final amount of the EU grant you request;

10.1. Budget Summary

PIC of the Organisation	Project Management and Implementation	Transnational Project Meetings	Intellectual Outputs	Multiplier Events	Learning/Teaching/Training Activities				Special Needs Support	Exceptional Costs	Exceptional Cost Guarantee	Total (Calculated)
					EU Travel Grant	EU Individual Support	Linguistic Support Grant	Exceptional Costs (Overseas Countries and Territories Travel Costs)				
999883858	12,000.00	2,300.00	5,778.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,199.39	0.00	0.00	23,277.39
927019592	6,000.00	2,300.00	2,410.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,409.63	0.00	0.00	14,119.63
940130500	6,000.00	2,875.00	5,136.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	14,011.00
945804418	6,000.00	1,725.00	6,266.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	13,991.00
949518257	6,000.00	1,150.00	4,579.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,111.63	0.00	0.00	14,840.63
Total	36,000.00	10,350.00	24,169.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,720.65	0.00	0.00	80,239.65

10.1.1. Further Pre-financing request

Are you requesting a further pre-financing payment?

Yes

Grant awarded as stated in your Grant Agreement	199.072,00 €
Amount of Pre-financing payments already received	79.628,80 €

Amount of pre-financing payments reported

80239.65

Amount of further Pre-financing payment requested by the beneficiary to the National Agency

79628.8

Annexes

in this section, you need to attach additional documents that are mandatory for the completion of the report;

Please note that all documents mentioned below need to be attached here before you submit your form online.

Before submitting your report to the National Agency, please check that:

- The Declaration of Honour signed by the legal representative of the beneficiary organisation.
- All necessary information on your project have been encoded in Mobility Tool+
- The report form has been completed using one of the official languages of the Erasmus+ Programme Countries.
- You have annexed all the relevant documents:
- The necessary supporting documents as requested in the grant agreement.

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