



Latvia University of Agriculture

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Type of organisation:

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Fields of action :

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Equal opportunities <input type="checkbox"/>	Schools <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unemployed <input type="checkbox"/>	

Description of the organisation

LLU is a multi-profile higher education and research institution with a solid tradition of close EU and transnational cooperation, established in 1939. University has 8 faculties: Agriculture, Veterinary Medicine, Engineering, Food Technology, Rural Engineering, Forest, Information Technologies, Economics and Social Sciences. There are 73 bachelor, master and doctoral study programmes provided by 304 lecturers and researchers for 4336 students in 2016/2017. Besides the traditional study fields, LLU also provides multiform unique study programmes related to advanced agriculture, veterinary medicine, food production, forestry and landscape architecture. Significant part of the programmes provided is available as on-line courses. There are excellent study and laboratories premises, equipment, information technologies, transport, libraries and access to international data bases.

Latvia University of Agriculture is the only higher agricultural education establishment in Latvia and it aims to: promote intellectual potential for rural development in agriculture; encourage young people to acquire higher academic and professional education; develop research; contribute to the cultural development; study, maintain and perfect the gained experience from the Latvian people and pass it over to the future generations.

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About 7000 and more than 300 lecturers and researchers carry out research significant for Latvia, Baltic Sea Region and also are involved in research programs of the European Union.

Mission & Vision

Mission-

To develop competitive intellectual capital on the basis of excellence in research, application of research findings, high quality of education and effective management of the university.

Vision-

Latvia University of Agriculture is one of the leading universities of science and technologies in the Baltic Sea region, specializing in the sustainable use of natural resources aimed at the enhancement of quality of life for society.

Experience of the organization in previous European projects

LLU has experience in management and implementation of various EU programme research, development, education and innovation projects. It is one of the most active organizations in terms of EC contribution granted to the FP7 research projects. During 2000-2016 LLU signed 55 agreements for ESF, 9 for ERDF, 41 for LLP (Erasmus, Grundtvig, Leonardo da Vinci, KA4, etc.), 30 for NordPlus, 1 for Tempus, 1 for Youth in Action programme, 12 for the European Territorial Cooperation programme. Local, regional and international cooperation is established with universities, scientific institutes, centres of technology transfer and SMEs since LLU is a member of different regional and international co-operation networks. The international cooperation is based on 80 cooperation agreements signed together with 21 European higher and vocational education institutions. Thus LLU has profound experience with remarkable results in implementing research, development, communication and innovation projects.

LLU hosted 3 interns from Italy sent by the Pixel Association to Jelgava in 2012 and 2013 under Leonardo De Vinci sub-programme LM People in the Labour Market Action.

Assoc. Professor Daina Grasmane visited the Pixel Association in March 2015 under ERASMUS+ to exchange experience of organizing international internships.

In March 2015 and March 2016 students from the Faculty of Food Technology, Latvia University of Agriculture and the Faculty of Integrated Arts and Sciences, Tokushima University (Japan) had joint seminars and culinary activities in the City of Jelgava to strengthen their work oriented skills. A cooperation agreement between the Languages Department of Latvia University and the above faculty of Tokushima University was signed in March 2016.

Experience and Expertise of the organization in the project's subject area

A significant part of the theoretical courses of LLU is provided on-line. Our academic staff members have expertise that is necessary for developing a repository of e-learning video lessons, project management skills and foreign language skills for interaction with international project partners.

In order to develop students' work oriented skills, traineeships and internships are organized in cooperation with national and international companies that operate in Latvia and abroad.

LLU has developed regulations for work based placements, and it has also concluded several agreements with companies from Italy and Greece that provide internships to our students. Also, our students have been looking for international placements themselves.

Contributions that can be provided to the project

LLU will provide its intellectual output and expertise, as well as one partner meeting will be organised in Jelgava.

Reasons of involvement in the project

The image and position of Latvia University of Agriculture as an organizer of international internships through modern ICT will be strengthened at a national level.

The beneficiaries will be agribusiness companies of Latvia that will have employees with international experience and highly developed professional, technical and transversal skills. Also, our students will benefit from the open and innovative education and market oriented training through formal and non-formal learning activities as they will have developed skills enabling them to work successfully in the labour market of Latvia. Cooperation between Latvia University of Agriculture, its social partners and agribusiness companies will be strengthened and expanded.

Programme or initiative	Reference number	Beneficiary Organisation	Title of the Project
COMENIUS REGIO PARTNERSHIPS	2013-1-TR1-COM13-48818 2	Latvia University of Agriculture	New approaches to foreign language teaching in Turkey and Latvia- ICT in language classes (NAFLT-ICT)
ERASMUS INTENSIVE COURSE	013-1-LV1-ERA10-05526	Latvia University of Agriculture	Project-Based Approach in the Development of Agriculture Project-Based Approach in the Development of Agriculture
GRUNDTVIG PARTNERSHIP	2011-1-DE2-GRU06-07839 4	Latvia University of Agriculture	Visualisation - Highlights in Language Teaching
ERASMUS+ HIGHER EDUCATION STAFF MOBILITY	Mobility Agreement between Latvia University of Agriculture and Pixel Association (Florence)	Latvia University of Agriculture	Staff mobility for exchanging experience of organizing international internships (24 March-27 March 2015)
LEONARDO DA VINCI Sub-Programme PLM People in the Labour Market Action,	EPM- European Project Manager Project LLP-LdV-PLM-11-IT--209	Pixel Association (Florence)	International Internship (one intern from Pixel placed at Latvia University of Agriculture)
LEONARDO DA	EPM- European	Pixel Association	

VINCI Sub-Programme PLM People in the Labour Market Action,	Project Manager Project Progetto No. 2012-1-IT1-LEO02-02522 CUP G12B12000020006	(Florence)	International Internship (two interns from Pixel placed at Latvia University of Agriculture)
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Contact Person's Experience and Expertise

Daina Grasmane

Daina Grasmane is Associate Professor at Latvia University of Agriculture. She graduated in Foreign Languages from the University of Latvia. She holds a Ph.D. in Educational Sciences. For 11 years Daina Grasmane has been the Head of the Languages Department, she is a member of the expert team ``Team Europe`` of the European Commission Representation of Latvia (in Riga). Since 1995 Daina Grasmane has been conducting several research studies on diverse issues of the Latvian labour market, focussing on employee skills. During recent years, her main research interests have concerned factors fostering employability within the EU labour market and the readiness of young people to work in the international labour market. The findings of her research studies have been presented in international conferences in Latvia, England, Norway, Germany, Lithuania, Italy and Spain, and have been published in several international journals and conference proceedings. Currently, her research interests are related to the issue of internationalization of higher education and new methods of teaching foreign languages online. In 2012 and 2013 Daina Grasmane managed international internships for training three young people sent by the Pixel Association (Florence). These internships were carried out under Leonardo Da Vinci Sub-programme PLM People in the Labour Market Action. Daina Grasmane has been awarded several international grants: two grants by the Nordic Council of Ministers to carry out research studies in Sweden and Norway, two TEMPUS mobility grants for 2-month study visits to Great Britain, an ERASMUS grant for a study visit to Great Britain, a grant awarded by the Swiss Research Council to participate in an international conference in Switzerland, and an ERASMUS + grant to visit the Pixel Association for exchanging professional experience.

Mareks Rubins

Mareks Rubins will be responsible for project monitoring and reporting. Mareks Rubins is experienced in project administration. He is the project coordinator in many projects of Latvia University of Agriculture. He has high sense of responsibility and he is competent in his field. He has higher education in Economics and EU Funds Management as well as Master's degree in Financial Management.

Mareks Rubins as well is PhD student of LLU. Interested in wide range of topics related to economics.