

Parallel session: Learner and staff mobility



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Born and bred in Italy, with a true European vocation, Giulia is Director - Secretary General at the European Vocational Training Association-EVTA, based in Brussels. She has been working for EVTA since June 2013, in charge of the development and implementation of the network's strategy. She gained an in-depth knowledge of European policies on VET, especially focused on topics related to internationalisation by carrying out several concrete activities to boost excellence and quality in the training provision. Before moving to Belgium, she enriched her life experiences by studying and working in France, United Kingdom, Malta, and Albania. Enthusiastic member and representative of the VET4EU2 platform, she has acquired expertise on internationalisation and mobility of VET providers by contributing as a speaker in different EU and national events and by leading the implementation of different EU funded projects on the topic.

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Andrea Lombardi, 41 years old, Italian. He graduated in foreign languages and literatures at Bologna University in 2006, with one year of Erasmus exchange at Sussex University (UK). In 2007 he spent 8 months as European Volunteer at the Department of International Relations of the CIDJ, the French National Youth Information Centre in Paris, where he shaped his professional background in International mobility projects and strengthened his language skills to be able to work fluently in English, French and Spanish. He returned to Italy and co-funded Uniser Cooperative in 2008, since then he fully dedicated his professional life to the development of services for the internationalisation and learning mobility of Vocational Education and Training. Today Uniser is active in 10 countries with a staff of 60 professional workers supporting colleges, schools and training centres in their process of internationalisation and in the organisation of 3.000 mobility experiences every year.

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Risto Virkkunen is International Coordinator in Kainuu Vocational College.

He has 30 years' experience of Vocational Education and Training and 15 years' experience of international projects.

He has coordinated and been partner in many ErasmusPlus KA1- , KA2- and KA3 projects.

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Pieter is programme manager at CIV Water Leeuwarden in the Netherlands. CIV Water is a VET provider for students and watercraftmen. He is responsible for the set up and further development of the CIV Water from a project into a sustainable organisation.

Pieter has a MSc in Implementation and Change management at the Open University of Groningen and own his own consultancy and training company in which he specialises in process thinking and change management. Pieter has a passion for innovation in education and holds a strong network in the Water sector. With his extensive experience in leading regional, national and international oriented project, Pieter is well place to take on the role of coordinator of the PoVE Water Scale up project.

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