

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS – Creating Innovative and Permanent Methods and Practices for Multidimensional Education Collaboration

Learning Tourism (LeTo) project aims at strengthening the partnerships between education and working life

- *by involving actors from the tourism industry in research and teaching activities*
- *by improving both teaching staff's and students' proficiency in ICT technologies, in turn using these technologies for better and easier cooperation with the employment sector*
- *by acquiring practical entrepreneurial experience through internship placements – both of HEI (Higher Educational Institute) as well as VET (Vocational Education Training) students.*

*As a part of the project measures, **an article collection** based on existing structures/actions, on best practices in existence and/or found during the project will be compiled and published. The articles can be shorter practical case descriptions (approximately max 3 000 words), as well as longer theoretical descriptions (max 7 000 words). We welcome the submission of abstracts (article ideas) touching on concepts, frameworks, or methodologies, and reporting empirical findings.*

Abstract submission

We invite you to submit your abstracts addressing the following three topics.

WHY? Rationale and bases for internship (Work Integrated Learning – WIL) in tourism studies

- Incoming & outgoing interns (numbers, etc.)
- Destinations and internship placements
- Practices and planning processes
- Why is work integrated into learning?

HOW? Current and past actions related to internship/WIL development

- How is work integrated into learning?
- Support for WIL in higher education – how are students/teachers/employers supported?
- Overall policies and development guidelines

WHAT'S NEXT? Future perspectives – WIL as a tool to enhance competence-based tourism education

- Social acceptance and expectations of WIL in tourism studies
- Entrepreneurial activities in internship
- Challenges with WIL in flexible/centralized curricula

Guidelines for submissions

Please submit your abstract as an e-mail attachment **by 3 June 2016** to [satu.pekkala\(at\)ulapland.fi](mailto:satu.pekkala@ulapland.fi).

The abstracts should be written in English and contain no more than 350 words, in plain text only. Please provide up to five keywords. Please let us know your contact details and possible other authors of the paper. The deadline for the full papers is 16 December 2016.

All project partners are invited to present their articles at the Conclusion Seminar of the LeTo project in the spring of 2017. All articles will be published in a digital conference proceeding.

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On behalf of the coordinating organization,

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