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### *The EDIPUS Digital Portfolio - the replacement of the traditional CV is here!*

#### *EDIPUS Multiplier Events*

Multiplier Events were recently organized by the project partners, European Association of Erasmus Coordinators (Coordinating Organization), the University of Piraeus and the European Students Network, in Cyprus, Greece and Belgium, respectively.

The goal of the events were to bring together students and employers to foster communication between the two sides and the uptake of the use of the EDIPUS Digital Portfolio Portal (DPP) and the corresponding data base.

The participants had the opportunity to be informed about the structure of the EDIPUS DPP, which provides students with a digital area enabling them to create their own portfolio of experiences and qualifications in a creative and professional way; get familiar with the Database through which employers can have access to the Digital Portfolios. These events included presentation of the project results followed by a round table discussion between company representatives and students.

#### **BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE EVENTS**

During the sessions, some of the students who developed their personal EDIPUS DPP had the opportunity to present it and receive feedback and advice from employers. The group of employers, who were present at these events communicated suggestions to students on how to improve their portfolio for getting an easier attention by employers for employability purposes. The employers shared also some ideas about the best text to be used in the portfolios or in the profile summary. At the end of each event the participants were engaged in communication in the form of questions and answers from the students to the employers.

Some pictures from the events are shown here below:



10th of June 2017, Multiplier event in Brussels, Belgium



23rd of June 2017, Multiplier Event in Nicosia, Cyprus



12<sup>th</sup> of July 2017, Multiplier Event in Athens, Greece

### ***The newly developed Database of digital portfolios, ready to be reviewed by employers***

The EDIPUS DPP has a lot of advantages but one of the main is the fact that you can include details that cannot be included in a typical curriculum vitae such as photos and videos and more over evidence for all your knowledge, competences and experiences. In the digital portfolio, students can communicate their knowledge, skills and work experience in a creative and attractive approach. The best digital portfolio could be the one that will receive a job offer without a personal interview.

While the Digital Portfolio Portal allows students to record their experiences and helps them to present themselves to employers in a professional way, the Database supports career counsellors and potential employers to search for digital portfolios, to save short-listed portfolios in the portfolios basket and follow up contacts, if needed. The Database established provides a search tool and filtering devise searching for the key words that students linked to their portfolio.





Employers, can use the Database of portfolios as a time-saving and cost-effective recruitment tool. Through a wide survey the project EDIPUS seven compulsory folders such as: education, work experience, projects, skills and competencies, foreign languages, conferences and training), which allow the reviewer to have a quick access to specific information in a comparative approach between portfolios and be able to see the prospective applicant in action through uploaded videos. The user is able to add more folders allowing him/her to make further knowledge and experience more transparent.

Currently, the EDIPUS Digital Portfolio Platform is currently public with about 300+ portfolios from students and graduates from more than 30 countries.

In brief the Database provides:

- Time saving and cost-effective tool
- Quick and direct access to special skills (a feature not usually available during initial steps of recruitment process)
- Effective way to assess and validate candidates' skills
- Early selection of qualified candidates with option to save in a basket (short list)
- A semi-structured design allowing easy comparison between Portfolios
- 24/7 access (before, during and after interview)

***We say goodbye to CVs and welcome to the EDIPUS Digital Portfolio!***

## **OUR OBJECTIVES**

At the current stage, the objective of the EDIPUS project is to maximize its use by university students and graduates and moreover to become a tool requested by universities and employers.

## **THE PROJECT PARTNERSHIP**

EAEC: European Association of ERASMUS Coordinators-Coordinating Organization.

Partners – Instituto Superior de Engenharia do Porto (Portugal), Enoros Consulting (Cyprus), University of Piraeus Research Centre (Greece), UNIMED Mediterranean Universities Union (Italy), ERASMUS Student Network (Belgium), University of Vienna (Austria), Eurocrea Merchant (Italy), Fundacion Universidad Empresa Murcia (Spain).

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