

Call for Experts

To join the SAPS project - Supporting Apprenticeships between Professional Higher Education & Small and Medium Enterprises

The SAPS Project stands for *Supporting Apprenticeships between Professional Higher Education & Small and Medium Enterprises*, and aims at improving the **perception** of SMEs of the benefits of engaging interns/apprentices from professional higher education (PHE) Institutions; lowering the **barriers** to cooperation between PHE Institutions and SMEs; and establishing more regular and structured **cooperation** between the umbrella organizations for PHE and organizations representing SMEs.

The first phase of the project focuses on 'Supporting SMEs new to internships/apprenticeships', and will be developed in cooperation with 10 European experts. The overall aim is to:

- provide guidance to SMEs as to how to provide an effective learning experience for interns/apprentices and a productive work experience for the enterprise;
- create guidelines for managing interns/apprentices with disabilities and/or special needs;

And that way:

- assist SMEs in setting up an internship/apprenticeship scheme in collaboration with professional higher education institutions;
- assist SMEs with the process of on-boarding interns/apprentices;
- ensure a productive work experience for the enterprise;
- manage interns/apprentices with disabilities and/or special needs.

Profile of experts

In order to bring different perspectives and expertise in the expert team, we are looking for experts from:

- Professional Higher Education Institutions;
- Organisations representing SMEs;
- SMEs;
- Experienced professional in supporting students with disabilities.

Conditions and Application Process

Experts will be selected through an open call for applications. Selected experts will receive a gross honorarium for their work, as well as coverage of travel and subsistence costs to the Expert meeting in Brussels.

Experts interested in applying should send a CV together with a cover letter, indicating their experience in line with this call by 26 February 2017. To read the full call for experts and apply, please go the dedicated website (<https://worktolearn.eu/expert-call>). For further information, please contact Marko Grdosic, SAPS Project Coordinator at marko.grdosic@eurashe.eu.