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#### Overview of Action Project for Innovation (APInno) APInno 2014-1-BG01-KA203-001561

### **Project results**

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## Agenda

- Data brief summary
- Connection driving focus on experiential learning (learning by doing):
  - . Students` perspective
    - . Employees` perspective

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## How learning begins?

#### Timeline of child`s learning



If a child can not learn the way we teach, maybe we should teach the way they learn. (Ignacio Estrada)





#### Data brief summary (APInno 2014) Company's **Students** representatives 65 companies` 223 students representatives (90 men/133 women) 35 countries of origin/5 17 countries of origin continents from Europe 47 different fields of 18 companies based in studies Europe

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### Students` perspective on experiential learning

|   | Questions  | Yes | No | I am not sure |
|---|--|-----|----|---------------|
|   | Do you think that learning by doing is a better method for learning, compared to the traditional lectures?       | 86% | 2% | 12%           |
|   | Do you think that it is useful for students to be trained by representatives from the real business?             | 93% | 1% | 6%            |
|   | Do you think that if teachers take the role of<br>a mentor, would be more efficient for the<br>learning process? | 87% | 4% | 9%            |
| / | Would you like to share experience and knowledge with students from other study fields and degree?               | 82% | 9% | 9%            |





# Representatives of organisations` perspective on experiential learning and collaboration

|   | Collaboration with HEI students:   | Strongly<br>agree | Agree | Neutral |
|---|--|-------------------|-------|---------|
| 1 | Could benefit for the innovation?  | 37%               | 49%   | 14%     |
|   | Can improve motivation/ commitment of researchers/staff ?                  | 42%               | 49%   | 9%      |
|   | Would improve the knowledge transfer process?                              | 49%               | 38%   | 12%     |
| / | Would improve research and innovation performance?                         | 45%               | 43%   | 12%     |
|   | Establishing relationship will help firms attract new researchers?         | 35%               | 40%   | 23%     |
|   | Mentor- mentoree relationship can<br>improve research capacity?            | 32%               | 38%   | 26%     |
|   | Can bring fresh ideas and inspiration for creation of new product/service? | 63%               | 35%   | 2%      |





# Representatives of organisations` perspective on experiential learning and collaboration

| Question   | Very satisfied | Satisfied | Neutral | No experience |
|--|----------------|-----------|---------|---------------|
| Collaborated with HEI<br>students and<br>satisfaction with there<br>collaborations | 20%            | 40%       | 5%      | 35%           |

| Questions   | Yes | Νο  | under certain conditions |
|---|-----|-----|--------------------------|
| Interest in cooperating with HEI mentoring their students | 75% | 5%  | 20%                      |
| Willingness to pay for cooperation                        | 22% | 26% | 52%                      |





# Education is not the learning of facts, but the training of the mind to think. Albert Einstein (1879-1955) I hear and I forget, I see and I remember, I do and I understand. (Confucius, 450 BC)







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