

### **Ad) Workshop 3: Bridging Education and Practice**

including such issues as: internships, "science shops", lifelong learning, guest lectures & other external input (professionals, alumni), co-operation with companies, solving industry problems in class ("real problem" based learning), assessment of all of these topics

### **European Food-Studies and Training Alliance, an Erasmus+ Knowledge Alliance project**

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The project will establish an independent "EuFood-STA Centre", a virtual platform plus physical hubs, as a legal and organizational frame for international and sustainable collaborations between industry and academia in the food sector.

The independent "EuFood-STA Centre" will enhance on the one hand innovative education & training for students, targeted towards the needs of the industry and thus increasing their employability and on the other hand innovative continual professional development (CPD) for academic and company staff by facilitating experience exchange.

These will be achieved by work and training experiences through industrial and university placement, promoting of best practices of already existing training materials and methods, joint academic/company tutoring and supervision, joint development of guidelines for the design and implementation of joint "industrial master" curricula, joint development of a CPD programme and certification scheme for company and university staff, joint development of trainings material, modules, courses, etc. to improve existing academic curricula and CPD training and the development of a digital library consisting of tutorials, recorded webinars, online courses, etc., a multilingual database and an e-learning platform.

Industry partners can train their staff and make use of placement of researchers who can collect practical experiences. University partners can train their teaching staff, tune their study programmes, make use of modules from other Universities or new modules developed in collaboration with Industry and other academic partners. Students and teachers will be involved in solving real case industry problems.

The project partners, which are funded are 7 universities, 3 food companies and 5 multiplier organisations and training providers. The project is also supported by the following "Associated Partners", which give input, but receive no funding: EFFoST (Netherlands), EROICA the International Relations Officer's Network of the Association (Poland), IFA - ISEKI-Food Association (Austria), Nestlé (Switzerland). The "EuFood-STA Centre" is also open to other Universities and food companies who want to be involved as "Associated Partners".