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TCA International – **Synergy of funds**

ESF – Paths to Europe for all & K1 – Erasmus+

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The projects? ESF-“Paths towards Europe for all” & Erasmus+

- **European exchange for trainees and education managers and intensive qualification**
- planning, implementation and organization of internships, the qualification and support of participants and the procurement of scholarships.
- funded by the European Union and the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg

The managing authorities?

- The **ESF+ Managing Authority** is located at the State Ministry of Labor, Health, Social Affairs, Family and Integration in Hamburg. They are responsible for planning and administration of the ESF Plus Program 2021 – 2027 Hamburg and the monitoring of proper implementation and fulfilling all reporting obligations to the European Commission.
- **The National Agency Education for Europe at the German Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training** (NA at BIBB) works on behalf of and with financial support of the Federal Ministry of Education and Research Germany. It is the National Agency for Erasmus+ in the field of vocational education and training (VET) in Germany.

Strategic Objectives of the synergy of projects?

- Combine a vocational qualification measure (ESF+) with a funded internship abroad (Erasmus+ K1 project)
- Create a broadly qualified and well-equipped center for work-related stays abroad in Hamburg

Centrally structure and facilitate high-quality stays abroad for vocational school students and training staff and thus strengthen vocational training

The screenshot shows the website for 'Arbeit und Leben Hamburg'. The main content area features a paragraph about ECVET learning units and a link to a flyer. Below this is a large banner for 'Wege nach Europa für alle' (Paths to Europe for all) with the 'Arbeit und Leben Hamburg' logo. To the right, there is a section titled 'Information on the Erasmus+ program' which includes details about the European funding program and an image of an 'Erasmus-Akkreditierung' (Erasmus Accreditation) certificate issued to 'Arbeit und Leben DGB/VHS Hamburg e.V.' for the period 2021-2027.

The journey of ESF-Paths towards Europe for all & Erasmus+

- Arbeit und Leben Hamburg been implementing measures abroad for trainees and training staff for many years.
- As we work closely with the Hamburger Institute for Vocational Education and Training (HIBB), one of our top priorities is to provide students with targeted qualifications in combination to their stay abroad. (special focus on students who need special support: financially, pedagogically and organizationally.)
- By intensively qualifying the participants in ESF preparatory seminars (focus: EU skills, intercultural skills, communication and conflict skills), we create a close bond with the mobility participants and can respond to their needs in an outstanding way.
- The schools & companies need this intensive training and support, not only to enable their trainees to go abroad, but above all to benefit from the professional qualifications acquired in this way.

Challenges and Barriers in the project execution phases

1.) Bureaucracy

- Double documentation of data
- Funding durations not in sync

2.) “Blurry lines”

- What is ESF+, what is Erasmus+?

Lessons Learned and Key Takeaways

- Work with the complementary funds of ESF+ & Erasmus+ offers great advantages for the target group:
 - A stringent comprehensive qualification program is offered with the possibility of an internship abroad through a scholarship!
- It would be helpful for project organizations if the programs were formally made more compatible with each other (documentation, formal requirements, funding period)

Thank You!
Questions?