Language for skills employable graduates

Call for papers

Two-day conference at the Université libre de Bruxelles (Solbosch campus) - Brussels, Belgium

Tuesday 10 May 2022 | Wednesday 11 May 2022

LSP4Employability
Language Skills for Employable Graduates

Multiplier event of the Erasmus+ Strategic Partnership (2020-2022)

- Université libre de Bruxelles, Belgium
- WSB University in Toruń, Poland
- Latvia University of Life Sciences and Technologies, Jelgava, Latvia

CONTEXT

The modern labour market is increasingly challenging, demanding, unpredictable and skill-intensive. Higher education institutions (HEIs) are expected to prepare graduates for the world of work. Knowledge of foreign languages is now viewed as a form of human capital that enhances an employee's performance and productivity in the workplace and, hence, contributes to value creation for an employer. LSP [Language for specific purposes] courses are frequently aimed at teaching the language connected to students' field of study. However, the needs of future employers need to be taken into consideration as well.

OBJECTIVES

The overarching goal of the **project *LSP4Employability*: Language Skills for Employable Graduates** has been to develop a course hand-in-hand with European partners to enhance the employability of graduates through implementing relevant e-Learning LSP teaching materials. These are designed and based on recommendations from employers, recruitment professionals, and experts in cross-cultural awareness drawn from each partner institution's educational, professional and employer networks.

Read more about the project here:
⊕ https://lsp4employability.wsb.torun.pl/

The aim of the **conference on *LSP4Employability*: Language Skills for Employable Graduates** is to bring the project results to the public and key end-users, as well as to build on the project concepts, add value to its mission, and multiply its outputs.

There is **no registration fee** to participate in the conference.

SUMMARY OF MAIN GOALS

1) Create an e-Learning course to
  > respond to the requirements of the 21st-century labour market
  > enhance cross-cultural awareness
  > provide recommendations for LSP teachers to facilitate graduate employability

2) Exchange good practice and expertise in project management, communication and course design

3) Showcase the project outcomes among peers

THE CONFERENCE

This conference targets and aims to bring together language teachers working in universities and continuing education institutions around Europe and beyond who have an interest in LSP through e-learning along with other graduate-employment stakeholders for a two-day event featuring:

> themed sessions;
> keynote speakers;
> panel discussions with partners.

This event will serve as a launch pad for the tools developed through the LSP4Emp Strategic Partnership and will be an opportunity to gather feedback from target users.

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ABSTRACTS ARE INVITED

Please submit an abstract of 150-200 words on any of the following topics (not exhaustive)

> E-learning of languages (CALL and related methods)
> Languages and employability
> LSP for graduates
> Cross-cultural and intercultural awareness/communication in the workplace
> Facilitating graduate employment
> LSP and soft skills for the workplace
> LSP by distance learning
> LSP through task-based learning (TBL) and/or project-based learning (PBL)

Please submit abstracts of **150-200 words in English**, as a **WORD document**, by midnight on **21 February 2022** to the following address:
LSP4emp@ulb.be

PLEASE INCLUDE

With your abstract, please make sure to include
(in the following order):

> Your full name
> Your email address
> Your institutional affiliation
> The full title of your paper
> Your abstract text of 150-200 words

KEY DATES

> Abstracts to be received to LSP4emp@ulb.be by midnight
  on 21 February 2022
> Abstracts will be reviewed by a Scientific Committee
  between 21-28 February 2022
> Notification of acceptance of abstracts will be given by
  4 March 2022

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