



Call for Students,

Do you want to have more experience on how to cocreate in an international and multidisciplinary team? Do you want to visit new exiting places and grow your personal and professional network? If you do, take a moment and check this out!

We are looking for 10 students from any of the Centria' s degree programs, to join our next Start IT project event in Antwerp 17.-27.3.2024.

The Start IT project's main objective is to build participating students capabilities to tackle skill gaps and mismatches concerning soft and future skills and digital skills needed for working life. The project aims also to promote internationalization. In the event students will be assigned to multi-disciplinary and multi-national teams that will be required to develop a business plan and mobile app addressing the Erasmus+ horizontal "Climate Change" goal during the project.

The Start IT project is organised within an Erasmus+ Strategic Partnership, bringing together over 50 students and 10 mentors from six universities located in Germany, Belgium, Ireland, Portugal, Poland and Finland. During the event, the students will form small groups, and each team will be given an assignment to develop a business plan and a prototype of a mobile application. The students will be supervised by both internal and external mentors/experts during the event. The inclusion of a local partner will ensure that the



work during the project will match real-world marketplace needs and will provide students with the experience of fulfilling a non-academic project for a "real-world" client.

While working towards the common goal, during the event you will learn and gain valuable experience for your future career, such as:

- Entrepreneurial skills and future skills
- Multicultural and multidisciplinary teamwork
- Project work, leadership and task management
- Critical thinking, communication, presentation of ideas, creativity and problem solving
- Communications skills in English (the working language in the project is English)

During the event, each group will include students representing different nationalities and different fields of studies. The core of the work is that they complement each other's skills. Students from technology departments will provide the technological know-how, whereas students from other departments such as business, will offer their skills and expertise in areas such as team leading, research, business, visualization, or other development skills etc. Sustainability can be seen as a perspective common to all. **We warmly encourage multidisciplinary collaboration and welcome students from all our departments to apply!**

Financing, participation and application process

The project will cover the traveling costs and accommodation during the event, including breakfast and lunch on weekdays. The participating students will pay 100€ share of the traveling costs.

The event participation is worth of **3 ECTS** which will be allocated to the group of elective courses. For 3 study credits students need to work actively work during the event, document your experience and learning and provide report and present it after the trip. More detailed instructions on this will be given closer to the event for the participating students.

Participating students are responsible on having necessary personal traveling documents required by authorities at the time, such as valid Visa and passport.

How to apply?

You can apply if:

- You are at least second year student or have at least 60 ECTS.
- Your grade average is above 3.

For the application make a maximum of 3min video on telling us:

- Who you are and what is your expertise?
- Why should we choose you, what would you bring to the teamwork during the event?

We will give priority in the selection to the students who have not yet participated to the previous StartIT project mobilities. In case of last-minute emergency replacement for travellers, we may choose to be flexible with the criteria and select students based on availability.

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Use your Centria e-mail! Send an e-mail in including your contact info, student id number and a link to your video to the Start IT team e-mails: heikki.ahonen@centria.fi; johanna.hautamaki@centria.fi;

Deadline for applications is on Wednesday 29.11.2023 at 17:00. Late applications are not accepted.

We will notify the applicants on Monday 4.12.2023 if you are accepted/waitlisted/declined.

For the accepted, participation needs to be confirmed by Thursdayday 7.12.2023 at 15:00. Without the confirmation, after this deadline we will give the spot to the next applicant on the waitlist!

For more information about the project visit the website, you can also find videos from the students who have participated in the previous mobilities:

<https://net.centria.fi/en/project/start-it/>

For possible questions on the applications or the project can be e-mailed to the Start IT project team.

Every one of you is warmly welcome to apply for the project! Hope to see you in Antwerp!

Sincerely,
Start IT project team