

# Quality internships: Political Context and Progress (ONLINE EVENT)

November 3<sup>rd</sup> 2020 – 3pm-5.30pm

15:00 – 15:15 **Opening and welcome** (*Pierre-Julien Bosser - InternsGoPro*)

## Session 1: The Current Political Context

15:15 – 16:00

### Panel Debate: European Parliament's ban on unpaid internships – what implications?

- Brando Benifei, **Member of the European Parliament**
- Stan Van Alphen, **European Commission**, Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion (DG EMPL)
- Frédéric Piccavet, **European Youth Forum** - Board Member for Social and Economic Inclusion

Q&A from the audience

16:00 – 16:10

Break

## Session 2: the European Pre-standard for Quality Internships

16:10 – 17:15

### Presentation: a strong consensus among employers, universities, and trade unions – the SPRINT project

- The 'standardisation' process: how it has been done and what could be done (*Pierre-Julien Bosser – InternsGoPro and Marie-Emmanuelle Crozet, AFNOR Normalisation*)
- The 8 quality criteria of the SPRINT European Pre-standard (*Tea Jarc, ETUC Youth Committee President and Dr Vaidotas Viliūnas, EURASHE*)
- Erasmus+ programme and Quality Criteria: where do we stand? (*Sandro Geracitano, UNISER Soc.Coop*)
- Implementation tools for Employers and Universities' career services (*Menno Bart, Public Affairs Manager at The Adecco Group and Stéphanie Devèze-Delaunay, French Ministry of Higher Education and Research*)
- The Employers' auto-assessment (*Pierre-Julien Bosser – InternsGoPro*)

17:15 – 17:30

### **Next Steps & Concluding remarks**

(*Pierre-Julien Bosser – InternsGoPro and Stéphanie Devèze-Delaunay, French Ministry of Higher Education and Research*)

## Information about the event

In a [resolution](#) adopted on the 8<sup>th</sup> of October, EU lawmakers urged member states to ensure that young people who enroll for the Youth Guarantee schemes are offered “good-quality, varied and tailored job, training, apprenticeship or internship offers, including fair remuneration”. The text condemns the practice of unpaid internship as “a form of exploitation of young people’s work and a violation of their rights. What will be the concrete repercussion of such a decision from the European Parliament?”

Simultaneously, the SPRINT project, a strong consortium of employers, universities, intermediary organizations, trade unions and youth NGOs have released a **European (pre-)standard for quality internships** approved by the [European Committee for Standardization](#) (CEN) – document [here](#).

The event will bring some clarification on the political context and present solid and concrete solution to foster quality and paid internships.

<b>Target group</b>	Administrative staff of Higher Education Institutions, Youth NGOs, Trade Unions, all organization/people interested by the latest development of the internship issue.
<b>The SPRINT website</b>	<a href="https://www.sprint-erasmusplus.fr/">https://www.sprint-erasmusplus.fr/</a>
<b>Language</b>	The event will be given in English
<b>Registration</b>	To register and get the link to the webex meeting, please confirm your attendance either by email to the following address : <a href="mailto:sprint@univ-montp3.fr">sprint@univ-montp3.fr</a> or online here: <a href="https://www.eventbrite.fr/e/quality-internships-political-context-and-progress-tickets-126044485449">https://www.eventbrite.fr/e/quality-internships-political-context-and-progress-tickets-126044485449</a> . It will be necessary to inform us on your first name, last name, institution, and email address.
<b>Deadline for registration</b>	<b><u>November 2nd</u></b>

## About SPRINT

“Standardize best PRactices about INTernships” is a three-year project that started on 09/2017.

It is a strategic partnership project co-funded by the Erasmus+ programme that aims to improve young people’s integration into the labour market by creating a European Quality framework for Internships.

The end goal of this project is to work on a unique Quality Framework for Internships valid for the whole Europe. These quality criteria should support students and graduates in transition from education to the labor market.

Seven partner organisations are involved in the project:

- Université Paul-Valéry Montpellier 3, France (coordinator institution)
- InternsGoPro ASBL, Belgium
- Association Française de Normalisation (AFNOR), France
- Sindikat studentov, dijakov in mladih brezposelnih (Trade Union Youth Plus), Slovenia
- UNISER SOC. COOP. ONLUS, Italy
- EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION OF INSTITUTIONS IN HIGHER EDUCATION (EURASHE), Belgium
- The ADECCO Group, AG, Switzerland

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