



# INTEGRATING ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND WORK EXPERIENCE IN HIGHER EDUCATION

An innovative approach to  
graduate employability and  
entrepreneurial thinking



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## Our goal

The goal WEXHE aims to achieve is two-fold: to help bridge the gap between practical and theoretical learning in HE, and skills set of graduates and the skills they require in their early careers.

### How does WEXHE project realise this goal?

#### EXPLORATION

The consortium will identify and analyse current provision of work experience in HEIs in 7 different EU countries; by generating 84 case studies of work-based learning (WBL), that involve four types of disciplinary sectors, covering work placements, traineeships and entrepreneurship. The four domains will target the following broad areas of study:

- Hard-Pure: Pure (Life) Sciences
- Soft-Pure: Humanities
- Hard-Applied: Engineering
- Soft-Applied: Applied Social Sciences

#### DEVELOPMENT

The consortium will create 12 replicable modules of WBL, with guidance on management, quality assurance, learning outcomes, funding, and accreditation working with practitioners.

#### CAPACITY BUILDING

The consortium will provide training to trainers in HEIs and Businesses as well as series of workshops targeted to policy makers to develop the models further and raise awareness at the EU level.

## WEXHE project benefits

The WEXHE project aims to create an impact on a wide range of different stakeholder groups in the educational and business ecosystem:



#### **Higher Education Leadership & Staff:**

HEIs will benefit from better aligning their curriculum to the demands of practice. HEI lecturers will benefit from getting access to validated work experience models, which can be adapted to their HEI environments.



#### **Students & Graduates:**

Students will benefit from greater access to high quality work experience, and graduates to high quality internships that will support their careers.



#### **Industry:**

Enterprises will gain guidance and quality tools designed to support their role in providing work experience for students and graduates.



#### **Policy Makers:**

Policymakers will benefit from a better understanding how work experience can contribute to the modernisation of HE, and its contribution to employment, economic growth and social goals.

## WEXHE Consortium Partners

WEXHE Project brings together ten partners from enterprises, associations and HEIs based in eight countries in Europe. Extensive knowledge and expertise of each partner ensures achievement of the project goals regarding WBL policy and practice development in a dedicated manner.



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