**Application**

**A. General Information**

Traineeship is one of the Erasmus mobility programs in which a beneficiary gains vocational training and / or work experience within a business or organization in another country participating in the program. Traineeship activity is to obtain practical work experience in the field of vocational training.

Traineeship activity cannot be used to carry out academic and scientific studies such as research assignments or analysis studies within the scope of a specific curriculum. Activities conducted by students in order to complete or support their own scientific studies like scientific researches and projects are not accepted as internship activities. In order for these activities to be accepted as traineeship activities, they should be carried out as professional activities that are economically viable in the related sector, not in academic studies.

If the institution in which the traineeship activity is to be conducted is a higher education institution, the work to be done should not be a learning activity in an academic sense. Rather, the trainee should obtain practical working experience in the units for the general administration of the institution. Traineeship activity for academic study cannot be carried out.

Businesses, training centers, research centers and other organizations that meet the business definition specified in the Erasmus + Program Guide 2 may be accepted as the Institutions that will host the trainees.

In this context, an appropriate enterprise means any enterprise engaged in any kind of economic activity, including any private or publicly owned institution or organization and social economy, regardless of their size, legal status and economic sector in which they operate. For example working in a research and development (R & D) company or in an experimental study of a research unit conducted by a firm or an economically active company with the purpose of product development is considered within the scope of the internship activity.

The traineeship activity is not expected to be compulsory for the student's degree program. However, the economic sector to be trained must be a sector related with student's current vocational training program.

The following organizations are not eligible for Erasmus + traineeship activity:

* EU institutions and agencies (ec.europa.eu/institutions/index\_en.htm)
* National Agencies and similar institutions carrying out EU programs