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Project **EDIPUS: European Digital Portfolio for University Students**

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A significant success within the framework of the Erasmus+ Programme achieved by the European Association of ERASMUS Coordinators (EAEC) and its' partners. The project entitled "EDIPUS: European Digital Portfolio for University Students", is approved with EU funding of €210.930 and has begun on 1st November 2015 and will be concluded on 31 October 2017.

The EDIPUS Project will create a new powerful tool for all Higher Education students in Europe, which will provide students with a digital tool called Digital Portfolio Portal(DPP), where they can create their own portfolio of experiences and qualifications in a creative and professional way. The portfolio will be semi-structured allowing the students to be creative in the way they want to present their portfolio experiences. The EDIPUS DPP aims to replace the traditional CV, by offering a smarter and modern tool to students for expressing themselves, supporting social media functionalities as well as smart phone communication. The EDIPUS portfolios will be hosted on a smart data base platform allowing employers to discover potential employees via a smart search engine of competence preferences and of job needs. The best developed university student portfolio will be the one that will allow an employer to offer a job to a university student without requiring to meet him/her face-to-face. This is the challenge for the university students to meet.

The main project target group are all cycle lever of university students in Europe and beyond, academics, career experts and officers, enterprises representatives and other stakeholders. The tool is expected to contribute substantially to the development of students' communication skills, self-assessment and self-esteem and give a tool that allows benchmarking rating and facilitates mobility in the European and International ground.

During the implementation of the project a survey will be conducted in order to receive feedback for the content design, which will determine the basic structure of the EDIPUS DPP. An electronic user guidebook will be developed to be used by students and those supporting the students in developing their EDIPUS DPP. Finally, a training course will be created for students and career officers for the best development of a DPP.

The consortium of the EDIPUS Project is composed of experts from Cyprus, Greece, Italy, Austria, Portugal, Belgium and Spain. The coordinating organization is the European Association of ERASMUS Coordinators. Partner organizations include the Instituto Superior de Engenharia do Porto (Portugal), Enoros Consulting (Cyprus), University of Piraeus Research Centre (Greece), UNIMED Mediterranean Universities Union (Italy), ERASMUS Student Network (Belgium), University of Vienna (Austria), Eurocrea Merchant (Italy), Fundacion Universidad Empresa Murcia (Spain).