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DIMPS PLATFORM

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First aim of DIMPS project was to develop a digital/virtual internship (VI) model for professional higher education, directed at finding solutions to the problem of transferring field-specific formal requirements and learning outcomes into the digital format. The focus was placed on the creation of the model suitable for the internship for different economy sectors, but it primarily focuses on the technical sector and tourism, as a common interest of involved partners.

The model supports the needs of the internship triangle: student-PHEI-world of work. It allows students to select and approach the digital internship position in the workplace; PHEIs to perform monitoring and validation of student progress, assessment of achieved learning outcomes, knowledge, skills and competences during the digital internship, support of companies in terms of training of internship mentors; and for the companies it facilitates the internship implementation, which includes designing of complete or partial digital internship positions, selection and delegation of particular tasks to the students, monitoring of student progress and program accomplishment.

The model for digital internships in professional higher education was created taking several criteria into account:

- the state of work-based learning in professional higher education;
- perceived opportunities and challenges of representatives of key stakeholders for the development of digital internships in professional higher education;
- the best existing practices and recommendations for carrying out digital internships;
- the quality framework for internships and
- the expected learning outcomes of digital internships in professional higher education

In order to enable functioning of virtual internship, a specialized web software solution was designed and developed. DIMPS platform is based on the proposed VI model and methodology, and it connects all parties (students, schools, and companies) within a secure and collaborative web platform.

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