

**Training and Cooperation Activity (TCA)**

**TCA with Focus on Southeastern Europe:**

**A New Vision for European Cooperation**

**Workshop Summary**

**Workshop 2:**

**Mobility (KA1) - Blended Intensive Programmes: Potentials & Hurdles**

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**Description:** Since the introduction of Blended Intensive Programmes in the current Erasmus+ programme generation (2021-2027), they have been a great asset, but pose certain challenges to the universities. In this workshop regulations on Blended Intensive Programmes will be briefly presented, as well as potentials and challenges. Also, the Romanian National Agency will talk about the demand for Blended Intensive Programmes in their country, problems they encountered and how they solved them.

**Goal:** Overview of Blended Intensive Programmes, establishing contact with potential partners.

<b>Name of Workshop</b>	<b>W2: Mobility (KA1) - Blended Intensive Programmes: Potentials &amp; Hurdles</b>
<b>3 Key messages of the workshops</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BIPs are a great opportunity to form new partnerships or further develop existing ones. BIPs are also a solution for students who don't have the possibility to go abroad for longer periods of time.</li> <li>• Although they don't count as BIP-partners, partner countries can also be involved in a BIP via KA171 which provides a wide range of new possibilities.</li> <li>• There is always a solution if you encounter a hurdle or a problem while planning, developing or implementing your BIP - so don't give up, just contact your NA.</li> </ul>
<b>Thought-provoking insights, interesting trends and observations</b>	<p>While BIPs are very popular in Germany as well as in other countries in the region, the bureaucracy and many regulations still make them inaccessible and complicated. There are many BIPs partnerships between countries in the region, but not between these countries and Germany. BIP regulations are still unknown to many, especially for personal from the faculties.</p>

<p><b>Learnings and outcomes</b></p>	<p>General rules about the funding line. How are BIPs managed in other countries and by other NAs.          What requirements must be met to apply for a BIP, what must be considered in the planning and implementation.  <b>Dos and donts for a successful BIP implementation from the example of a Romanian BIP.</b></p>
<p><b>Overall summary</b></p>	<p>The workshop was a great opportunity to learn about regulations and practices from different countries from different stakeholders.          Participants from Germany had the opportunity to learn more about the handling of BIPs in the region and to look for new partners. The participants developed fictional BIPs together in mixed groups (4 to 6 people from different countries) and addressed potential obstacles in a very concrete way, which were discussed in more detail afterwards. The response, interest and participation as well as the evaluation of the workshop were very high. In the future, the exchange will be continued in this or a larger round with the hope that this will lead to new BIP partnerships.</p>