

**Project Title:** “Inclusion of Innovative Work-Based-Learning and Business Partnerships in HEI Curricula Development”

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**Type of activity:** KA203 - Strategic Partnerships for higher education

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**Project Acronym:** [HEIPNET](#)

**Project period is:** 01/11/2019 – 31/12/2021, 26 Months

**Project aim:** To integrate and combine academic knowledge with practical experience in HEI curricula so that students are enabled to develop attributes and employability skills. The Practice Enterprise (PE) concept will be supported, promoted and scaled to curricula of HEIs in the EU and strong strategic links between Practice Enterprises and businesses will be built using work-based learning methodology.

**Target groups:**

The main project target group:

1. Trainers/ teachers/practices organizers / HEIs;
2. HEI Students;
3. Business representatives.

Other stakeholders: Practice Enterprise Central offices, other educational institutions, etc.

**Project consortium:**

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**Partners:**

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[University of National and World Economy](#) (Bulgaria)

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**Project objectives:**

1. To improve the PE curriculum/module by updating its content according to the needs of the labor market and the strategy of the educational institution.
2. To develop a syllabus and manual of reference which can be used for new HE interested in implementing the PE concept and tools.
3. To strengthen the partnership between universities, their PE and Business world.

**Main results:**

1. A manual of reference which will be used for new HE interested in implementing the PE concept and tools.
2. PE partnership with real business guide for PE trainers (set of innovative pedagogies) and students (set of recommendations, examples, etc.) and companies.
3. Database for real business companies - online tool. The HEI database will be a new part of existing PE database and will be designed for HEI PEs and business mentors who are interested in engaging in educational-business partnerships. It will increase PE concept awareness and recognition among HEIs and across the business world.
4. Recommendations for improvements PE module(s) /curricula of different study programs in HE.