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I attended the 8th edition of the International Master in European Project Planning and Management, held in 2019-2020.

At the end of the classroom-based part of the Master programme, I carried out an internship at eMundus and Kaunas University of Technology (KTU), in Lithuania. The internship has been a precious experience as it provided me with the opportunity to test my knowledge and obtain new skills. I worked on all aspects of European projects, from writing to management, from implementation to dissemination and exploitation. I cooperated on the production of deliverables, dissemination material, impact tools and participated in several project meetings, where I had the opportunity to meet new contacts and enlarge my network.

Although I could not end the internship in Lithuania, due to COVID-19 outbreak, the project manager allowed me to work from distance. The last month proceeded smoothly as the rest of the internship. I worked on new applications and continued participating in project meetings from home. The whole internship had a very positive impact on my professional and personal growth. I have made a wonderful experience, gained new skills and competences and learned a lot about myself.

At the end of the internship, the project management at eMundus asked me if I wanted to continue my smart working with them. Working in the middle of a pandemic is hard, but luckily, I was able to continue to learn more and more about European projects and funding schemes. A couple of months later, I started working at Communia an Italian association based in Ancona. They immediately gave me the position of project manager in one of their Erasmus+ projects and the opportunity to collaborate with them on new funding opportunities. Aside from this job, I have started new collaborations with other Italian organizations as a freelance, while continuing my previous cooperation with eMundus. I carry out most of my work from home, but I hope to start travelling as soon as the pandemic situation will allow it and meet new people from all over the world.

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