

**Partner search:****-Staff VET Mobility (cross-sectorial Vocational education and training)****Draft Title: Multi-functional school building/school centre****Applicant: Kvam municipality****Background and challenges/needs:**

Kvam municipality is planning a new Upper Secondary School for students from 16-19 years. The school is in the center of our town Norheimsund and we want to build a school that supports attractive sustainable development of the municipality and the city center. We want the school to be a vital centre, open outside school hours and include library, cinema, different culture and other activities that can make the building alive, useful and attractive for our community.

Kvam municipality is the biggest municipality in the region Hardanger, a famous tourist destination. The distance to Bergen is about 80 kilometer and we are 8500 people living here.

Our income comes from industry (metall), farming (fruit, milk and sheep), tourism, fish farming and many construction companies. In Kvam we have about 3000 cabins, most of them owned by people from Bergen.

**Objective:**

Develop for the future an attractive school centre (students 16-19 years) that are open "24/7" and at the same time functions as a hub for creativity and innovation in the municipality.

- Identify municipal functions that can be located with the new school and within a realistic financial framework.
- Provide a plan for the regulation of the school and the city center development.
- Obtain functions offered for use of the school at different times of the day.
- Provide features and offers that can be positive for the city businesses.
- Find out what need business has for training and collaboration with a new school.
- Help to put in place the new school and develop Norheimsund as a regional center.

**Local partnership:** Cross-sectorial cooperation between Kvam municipality, Hordaland County Council (owner of the Upper secondary school), businesses, NGOs etc.

**Partner(s) in Europe:** Similar partner organisations in Europe. Preferably from Finland, but also any other region/municipality with good practice in the field.

**Type of project:** Erasmus + VET Staff Mobility.

**Activities in the project:** Visit partner municipalities/regions with experience in building and developing innovative multi-function schools, to improve our knowledge about similar buildings, plans or ideas in Europe. We are thinking of 9-11 participants from Hordaland visiting a partner organisation/region for meetings (2 days) to exchange experiences and good practices, and to develop further cooperation.

**Time period:**

Autumn 2019 or winter/spring 2020

**Financing:**

We have already financing from Erasmus+ VET Staff mobility!

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