## Partner search:

- Erasmus+ Staff VET mobility (cross-sectorial Vocational education and training) or
- Erasmus+ Strategic partnership



## Draft Title: Delivering UNs Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at local level

Applicant: Municipality of Voss (Voss herad)

**Background and challenges/needs:** Local and regional authorities play an important role in implementing the Agenda 2030 and the <u>UNs Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)</u>.

<u>Voss municipality</u> is in the process of integrating the SDGs in our policy plans, being aware that this could trigger innovation, growth and a small contribution towards a true universal transformation. However, this being a new set of thinking, we need to gather experience and good examples from other communities in order to settle concrete action at local level. Our municipality is merging with our neighbouring municipality and will be named "Voss herad" as of 1st of January 2020. Population would be close to 15.000, representing a regional centre in our geographical area.

Voss is a popular target for all-year tourism, surrounded by mountains and fiords. The business life in the area is mainly based upon traditional agriculture, tourism and entrepreneurs within building and construction, but also business related to being a regional centre – as host for two brand new upper secondary schools. Voss also hosts several well-known festivals, as the Extreme sport week, Vossajazz and Osa folkmusic festival and has arranged quite a few winter sport championships throughout the last decades, see more at <u>Visit Voss</u>.

**Objective:** Local authorities, as well as local civil society, are close to citizens, and therefore in a position to develop 21st-century service models in line with emerging needs in their communities. The goal for this project is to identify solutions in implementing SDGs at local level and sharing best- practices for further work towards successfully implementation of SDGs in the areas of municipality services and activities together with the local businesses and educational centres. We also wish to acquire more knowledge on best practice considering choosing and using relevant indicators to measure local contributions to the SDGs.

Questions to be targeted: a) Identify local SDGs and concrete actions listed to achieve these. b) exchange of best- practices, c) identify relevant indicators to measure local contributions to SDGs.

**Local partnership:** Voss Municipality, Upper Secondary and primary schools, companies, NGOs', Universities. **Partner(s) in Europe:** Municipalities, regional and local development agencies etc.

Type of projects: Erasmus + Mobility or Strategic partnership

## Activities in the project:

Project period 2 years; 2020 – 2022. Project start: Autumn 2020.

<u>Mobility project:</u> Visit partners for exchange of experiences and good practices (2 days), and also to develop further cooperation in the process of implementing SDGs at local level.

<u>Strategic partnership</u>: 4 management meetings (depending on number of regions), including workshops in the participating regions.

Financing: Erasmus+. Deadline for interests - Autumn 2019. Application deadline February/March 2020

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