

TCA's 2014-2019

SALTO E&T

Future plans

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Taking stock of TCAs in E&T 2014-2018

Research: carried out by SALTO E&T TCA

Aims:

1. Summarizing the results of the TCAs that took place between the project rounds of 2014 – 18;
2. Explore the behaviour of the NAs regarding hosting, sending, organization and management aspects as well as advantages and difficulties in TCA work
3. Drawing conclusions for the upcoming period in order to raise the quality and the impact of the TCAs.

Methods:

Quantitative: EPlusLink, Questionnaire

Qualitative: Questionnaire, interviews, desk research

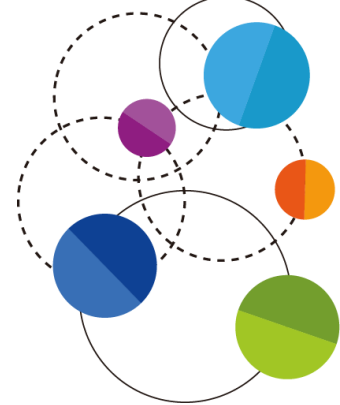
Over 70% of the NAs filled in the questionnaire.

Timeframe:

Data collection Summer – Autumn 2019; questionnaire and interviews in September, October 2019



Publication



https://salto-et.net/files/site/Taking_stock_of_TCAs_2020_web.pdf

TAKING STOCK OF TCAs REALISED IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING BETWEEN 2014-2018

Report of the research findings

TCAs from numerical point of view



- 209 events organized (hosted)
- 12,000 participants (approx. 50-50% national- international)
- SE sector highest number of events and participants
- Contact seminars most popular type (followed by TSS, EBAR)
- Most popular priority: inclusion
- Average number of participants per event betw. 18-130
- Average lenght betw. 2-3 days



Organization and management aspects



- The administration process and the perceived impact of TCA should be brought closer
- There are needs for new activities (long term, national events, study visits)
- Address new target groups (e.g. people with)special needs
- Strengthen cross sectoral approach
- “Sub”-SALTOs and/or special working groups would be necessary to cover sectoral diversities
- TCA lifecycle could be more streamlined at systemic level



Strategic focus, outcomes of TCAs



- TCA is a valuable tool with several aspects that NAs can utilise flexibly according to their aims.
- The relevance of TCA was not questioned, but its effectiveness remained hidden.
- The strategic approach of planning a TCA certainly can contribute to quality and impact of the programme.
- One way to assess the outcomes of the TCAs is the learning outcome approach presently applied by approx. two-thirds of the responded Nas.



Conclusions and recommendations for the future Programme



- **Aims** of the TCAs (as set by the NA guide) have been fully or partially **reached**.
- TCA is a **flexible tool** that NAs can utilise according to their aims.
- **Room for improvement** in strengthening **strategic aspects** and European coordination.
- **Administration** and reporting of the activities are **demanding**.
- **Human resources** are fragmented and **often insufficient**.
- **Synthesis of SALTO E&T IT Platform** and the Commission Platforms is suggested.
- **Support** needed in **coordination** and in **measuring the impact** of TCAs.

TCA in Future Erasmus



- In the NAs workplan long term planning: shift from micro-to-macro.
- Strategic aspect would get more highlight.
- Types: Single event – long term event - research
- Report shall focus on looking at TCA outcomes in light of strategic objectives set in the WP.
- SALTOs would be responsible to support micro management of the events.



Scenario for future TCA governance



Research

- Scope to be discussed by NA network

Long-term/recurrent

- Proposed list of TCAs discussed by NA network based on strategic priorities (prior to WP submission)
- Operational support provided by SALTO at event level
- NAs to co-finance and monitor implementation

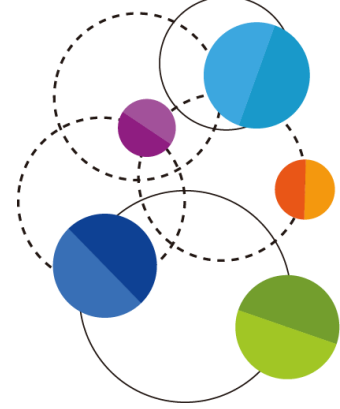
Coordinated approach

Single event

- Loose connection to strategic priorities
- SALTO to recommend cooperation and financing models, expert pool etc. (macro-management)

„Playground’ approach

SALTOs in Future Erasmus

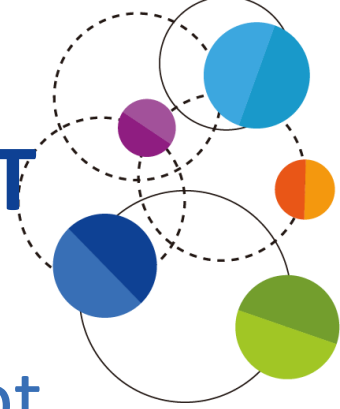


New SALTOs are planned:

- Programme Management
- Synergies between EU funding tools
- 'Green'
- Outreach
- Impact /monitoring indicators
- Inclusion E&T



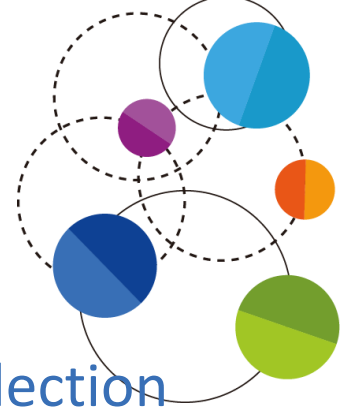
New role and tasks of SALTO E&T



- Set up TCAs in policy topics which are not taken up by the new SALTOs
- Carry out needs analysis within the NAs
- Involve NAs in organizing TCAs by taking turns in hosting
- Stronger support in European level coordination



Plans of SALTO E&T (1)



- Coordinating some strategic, long term TCAs (topic selection based on upcoming needs analysis)
- Further development of SALTO IT Platform functions to cover the entire TCA lifecycle management (strengthen online application usage)
- Support in evaluation and follow up of TCAs:
 - training in autumn 2020;
 - cooperation with the colleagues from the Youth sector
 - evaluation and follow up questionnaires in the SALTO

Platform



Plans of SALTO E&T (2)



- Pool of Experts in the SALTO Platform (input from TCA officers)
- Support in using the administrative tools (IT Platforms): webinars
- Online courses in Canvas:
 - Induction course amended with strategic planning
 - Going online with your TCAs
- Mini Guide series:
 - Strategic planning (already available)
 - Evaluation and follow up (Q4 2020)



We are always open for your suggestions 😊

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