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ERASMUS+
Joint Mentorship

Better Cooperation for Better VET

Partners

The Croatian Chamber of Trades and Crafts, Croatia
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GO! Atheneum
Geraardsbergen, Belgium
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Resita Technical College,
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Craft Chamber Skopje, North
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About project

European Union documents emphasize the improvement of vocational education and training, especially in the area of work-based learning and the use of digital tools. In accordance with the above, the **general goal** of the project is to improve the quality of vocational education and training in the partner countries. The **specific goal** is to improve cooperation between different stakeholders in the vocational education system (vocational schools, employers and students) and improve the pedagogical skills of mentors in trades and companies so that they are more ready to transfer their knowledge and skills to students.

The project partners will organize a series of thematic meetings and seminars where they will gather stakeholders in the system of vocational education and training in their countries in order to improve cooperation and communication among all stakeholders. With the creation of an online platform, a promotional, educational and communication tool will be available to the stakeholders, which will be able to be used by schools, trades and businesses, as well as other stakeholders in the system. Also, students will have an online apprenticeship map and an online portfolio as part of the platform. Likewise, online learning modules will be created for mentors in trades and businesses to help them improve their teaching skills.

Target Groups

- students
- VET schools
- mentors who carry out apprenticeships in crafts and companies
- other stakeholders (chambers, ministries, agencies, local authorities, etc.)
- professional and general public

Results

- Created online platform as an informative, educational and communication tool for students, schools and employers
- An e-map of apprenticeships and an e-portfolio as part of the map were created
- Created e-modules in the field of teaching students for mentors who carry out apprenticeships in trades and companies
- An educational video that describes and explains the roles of stakeholders in vocational education
- Guidelines for cooperation and communication in vocational education with examples of good practice
- Partnership for quality vocational education and training formed through signed Memorandums of Understanding

Next steps

- preparing e-platform framework and designing online apprenticeship folder (March 2023)
- preparing e-module framework for mentors (March 2023)
- organizing thematic seminars for improving VET cooperation (March 2023)
- preparing for Study Visit to Belgium and second partners meeting (June 2023)

Study visit and Partners' meeting

Familiarizing with good practices in Croatian VET and discussing project activities



Study visit and first partners' meeting organised

From November 21 to 25, 2022, a study visit, and the first meeting of partners took place in Zagreb as part of the new Erasmus+ project of the Croatian Chamber of Crafts Joint Mentorship: Better Cooperation for Better VET.

The study visit was organized from November 21 to 23 with the aim of the study visit participants making mutual contacts and learning about good practices in vocational education in the Republic of Croatia. On the first day, the Croatian Chamber of Crafts presented the system of vocational education in Croatia and introduced the participants to quality assurance mechanisms, especially regarding the implementation of apprenticeships with employers at the workplace. Next, the "Vice Vlatkovića" Vocational School from Zadar held an online presentation about their school and the activities they carry out, which gave the participants an insight into good practices in vocational schools. Acquaintance with examples of good practices continued on the second day with a visit to the Vocational High School in Samobor and the company "Elektroinženjering Brodar", which gave the participants valuable first-hand experience of cooperation models among stakeholders in the field of vocational education in Croatia.

Furthermore, the study visit was concluded on the third day, with presentations by representatives of the Agency for Vocational and Adult Education and the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development, who held presentations on their roles in the vocational education system in order to familiarize themselves with the cooperation between stakeholders and their responsibilities in the system. Likewise, a group discussion was held among the participants about good practices in partner countries as well as possible solutions that could be implemented in project activities. The participants of the study visit were teachers, mentors in trades and businesses, and representatives of stakeholders in vocational education from Belgium, North Macedonia, and Romania. A total of 28 participants took part in the activities of the study visit.

After the end of the study visit, the first meeting of the project partners was held from November 24 to 25, where the partners presented their organizations and discussed the project activities that need to be started. Furthermore, the partners are familiar with the obligations and technical details of project implementation, quality assurance and implementation of dissemination activities during the project.