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KICK OF MEETING.-

Kick off meeting took a place in Prague 7th and 8th November 2014. 8 partners from Austria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Germany, Greece, Italy, Slovenia and Spain had been represented by 13 participants. At the meeting key partners presented their transfer products and the transfer partners discussed the transfer options of the program in their countries. Project partners discussed all project tasks in friendly atmosphere and set up good base for further cooperation in project.



Next project meeting will be in Germany 2nd and 3rd of April 2015.

NEXT STEP.-

Next project step is needs analysis. BFI will develop with the support of the partners a common questionnaire to ask local experts and stakeholders (employment service officers, social partners, public administration officers, social workers, youth organization representatives) about the needs in coaching and counseling services for young people in their area, the conditions and framework to establish the vocational training assistance on the local level and about the qualification requirements of the train-the-trainer concept. Furthermore, additional tools and best practice for the common toolbox shall be collected from local stakeholders (e.g. tools for promoting entrepreneurship, intercultural competences, personal development, etc.). On the basis of the questionnaire each partner will interview at least 5 local stakeholders. In addition, data and literature research in all partner countries will be undertaken by each partner. At the end of January 2015 common needs analysis for whole partnership will be produced.

Project partners:

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inab - Ausbildungs- und Beschäftigungsgesellschaft des bfw mbH, Germany
Berufsfoerderungsinstitut Oberoesterreich BFI, Austria
Atama agencija za zaposlovanje, d.o.o., Slovenia
WIFI d.o.o., Croatia
Istituto Formazione Operatori Aziendali, Italy
Asociación Impulso Internacional para el Desarrollo Territorial, Spain
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WHAT IS YOUTHCOACH?

The Youthcoach project is a transnational European VET partnership which aims to transfer, adapt and implement innovative projects and products which:

- a) strengthen the partnerships between education and employment in initial VET,
- b) help reduce the high number of drop outs in VET,
- c) develop basic and transversal skills especially entrepreneurial skills with young VET learners and
- d) validate skills and competences of these young learners in accordance with Europe 2020, ET 2020 and Erasmus + goals.

The project addresses VET dropout prevention from a multidimensional point of view, involving companies, VET organizations and VET teachers and trainers by focusing on capacity building in both VET teachers and trainers and young VET learners.

Common "toolbox" will be developed based on the products which have been developed, implemented and evaluated by partners in Germany, Slovenia, Czech Republic and Austria and will be transferred to each other and to partners in Croatia, Spain, Greek and Italy.

The product **"Vocational Training Assistance"** is a German approach, implemented in some of the federal states of Germany, and has been further developed in a project by bfw/inab, Germany. The project integrates youth and young adults with disadvantages (lacking basic skills, no school records, migration background) into the vocational training system by providing consulting, training assistance and learning aid for disadvantaged young people and by providing a holistic external vocational training management for small and medium sized companies.

The product **"Toolbox"** has been developed by a European partnership represented by the Czech partner Aklub, Toolbox is a database which contains a set of methods and techniques for career advice and consultancy for unemployed people.

The product **"Jugendcoaching"** has been developed and implemented in Austria on a nationwide scale by Bundessozialamt OÖ, BFI OÖ has developed a concept for implementing it with young potential drop outs in VET schools. Youth case managers coach and support young people with high drop out risks to either stay in the chosen VET school, move on to another school smoothing the transition or start an apprenticeship in companies. They try to find the best situation together with the student, his / her parents, the school and companies.

The product **"EBC*L Enterprise – Showing My potential"** has been developed by EBC*L International, represented by ATAMA. The EBC*L Enterprise builds and strengthens young peoples' key competences in economic thinking and social competences and is certified by the EBC*L Enterprise exam where students demonstrate logical thinking, basic mathematical skills, communicative and social competence, business know-how, determination, ambition and the ability to work under pressure. It has been developed together with companies to build up skills needed in the workplace.

Project duration is from September 2014 to August 2016

PROJECT GOALS

The project aims at realizing the following goals:

1. To transfer the concepts of Vocational Training Assistance (DE), Toolbox (CZ), Jugendcoaching (AT) and EBC*L Enterprise (SI) to other European countries.

2. To further develop a Youthcoach competence profile and a Youthcoach train the trainer course based on a study in all partner countries.

3. To develop a toolbox for youthcoaches including modules on:

- working with companies in bridging gaps between VET and the world of work
- intercultural competences
- personal development
- promotion of competences related to entrepreneurship (EBCL)

More information @ project website: www.youthcoach.cz