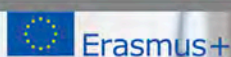




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The new economic realities and rapid shifts on the job market are changing what we need from our education system. Not only should access to higher education be widened to groups like adult learners, vocational learners and employed learners, but also the **teaching-learning environments should be adapted to the diversified needs of lifelong learners** in order to reach a competitive and sustainable economy and create an inclusive society towards the EU 2020 goals.

The TANDEM project aims at enhancing the flexibility in learning pathways across education systems (from EQF levels 4 to 5 and 6) by connecting Vocational Education and Training (VET), Higher Education (HE) and the business world.

The project is designed to contribute to the debate on reform by drawing lessons from the existing expertise and good practices of consortium's partners and strengthening the connection between European and national policymakers and practitioners.

The word "TANDEM" should emphasize the efficiency of businesses, VET and HE providers working together for high quality VET aligned with regional and global labour market demand to proactively respond to emerging skills shortages.





EVENTS

EVBB Conference outcomes

TANDEM project has developed a workshop aiming the promotion of flexible learning pathways during the EVBB conference, in Brussels, last 20 and 21st of October. Some paramount outcomes resulted from the discussions with European stakeholders on education:

- Level 5 area is a continuum for all qualifications that can be put at level 5, enabling to build flexible learning pathways;
- The European strategy has to focus on having a broad 'European Level 5 Area', including - but not exclusively - VET5 (HMET) and Associate (SCHE);
- Non-formal qualifications should be officially linked to the National Qualifications Frameworks (NQF);
- To make it possible for employers' organisations to be involved in the delivery and recognition of qualifications at this level;
- Training provided on a regular basis in-company environment should be linked no NQF;
- For the job positions that are required international diplomas/certificates, the procedures for the awarding and delivery of training should be linked to the European Qualifications Framework (EQF) directly.



European Vocational Skills Week

Some representatives of TANDEM consortium have contributed to the café world activities subjected to the topic "Discovering flexible pathways between Vocational Education and Training (VET) and Professional Higher Education (PHE)", identifying constraints and envisioning possible strategies to bridge these two worlds.





EVENTS

Dialogue Session: sharing recommendations

In the scope of the TANDEM project, on the 19th of April was held in the Representation of the State of Hessen to the EU (Brussels), a dialogue with EU stakeholders on education policies. TANDEM partners were pleased to share some recommendations for policy-making on the promotion of flexible learning pathways and gain feedback from all who attended the event.



Prysmian Group gets closer from students

As a Prysmian Group, Mudanya factory has held an informative meeting on the 10th of May 2017. Students and teachers from Vocational Education and Training have participated to hear about and discuss TANDEM project's scope. In addition, some other topics were debated, such as the expectations of the industry, what students can expect in business life after graduating from Vocational High Education and, Health and Safety issues.





UPCOMING

EVBB Annual Conference – Malta (CY), 4 -7 October 2017

The **21st annual conference of EVBB** in Malta is dedicated to the Vocational Training in the context of an inclusive society – experiences, demands and perspectives.

The **four topics** identified for the workshops from the 4th to the 6th of October 2017 will be:

- NEETs (Not in Education, Employment or Training)
- Industry 4.0 to 5.0
- Labour market/ unemployment
- New strategies in EU funding



Conference on Sectoral International Qualifications and the 25th EWF anniversary – Porto Salvo, Lisbon (PT), 15 – 16 November 2017

The event aims to present and discuss the EWF methodology and tools for aligning International Sectoral Qualifications with EU policies and tools with representatives from the Manufacturing Industry, Vocational Education Providers, Universities and National Qualification Authorities.

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UPCOMING

EfVET International Annual Conference Thessaloniki (GR), 25-28 October 2017

EfVET International Annual Conference will allow to share experiences, best practices and ways of collaboration on the following subjects:



- What's the role of VET providers in the upskilling and reskilling of today's labour force?
- How to make use of the New Skills Agenda and how can it connect VET, the labour market and the digital world?
- How could EfVET contribute to future discussions on the issues engaging not only VET schools, but also SME's and others stakeholders and partners?
- How can businesses and the different stakeholders assist each other in defining the skill needs in the short and in the long run?
- How will the technological changes and innovations affect teaching and learning?
- How to establish bridges between VET and higher education?

European Vocational Skills Week 2017 Brussels (BE), 20 – 24 November 2017

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European Vocational Skills Week 2017

This first European Vocational Skills Week took place on 5-9 December 2016 with events in Brussels and hundreds of activities in Member States, EFTA and EU candidate countries organised at national, regional and local levels. To capitalise on this energy and enthusiasm, we will organise a second European Vocational Skills Week on 20-24 November 2017.

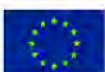
This is to improve the attractiveness and image of vocational education and training. We want to showcase excellence and quality and raise awareness of the wide range of opportunities.

Before and during the main week, activities and events to showcase excellence in vocational education and training will be rolled out across Europe. During the main week, a series of events/activities will also take place in Brussels (press conference, conference, workshops and closing event with award-giving). The week is underpinned by a sustained communication campaign.

EUCEN Autumn Seminar Barcelona (ES) 16 – 17 November 2017



Eucen autumn seminar will unfold the topic "How to establish and maintain financial sustainability in ULL/ UCE centres – Keys and tips to success" in Barcelona. Financial models of University Lifelong Learning /University Continuing Education centres using different sources of funding will be presented, flagship programs: open enrolment and Custom programs for diverse stakeholders will be identified, how to return On Investment (ROI) calculations in training environments will be addressed as well as how to balance financial sustainability with the institutions' social mission.





TANDEM MEETINGS

Meeting in Brussels

During TANDEM partners gathered once again, the last 20th of April, at EVBB headquarters, in Brussels, to discuss the effectiveness of the Dialogue Session and next project steps and public recommendations.



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