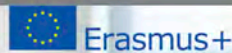




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## TANDEM PROJECT NEWSLETTER #1

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### ERASMUS + TANDEM Project

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### EVENTS

69th IIW Annual Assembly  
10-15 July 2016

EVBB Conference  
19-22 October 2016

European Vocational  
Skills Week  
5-9 December 2016

### TANDEM MEETINGS

Kick-off Meeting  
Berlin // Germany  
14th - 15th January 2016

Mudanya // Turkey  
28th - 29th of June 2016

Berlin // Germany  
2nd - 3rd of August 2016





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## ERASMUS+ TANDEM Project

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



### 69th IIW Annual Assembly

EFW presented the TANDEM Project at the 69th IIW Annual Assembly in Melbourne, Australia, under the Commission XIV – Education and Training.

The IIW Annual Assembly & International Conference is a unique global forum that provides the opportunity for professionals from around the world to share and develop scientific and technical knowledge of welding and related activities.

The IIW Annual Assembly encourages multi-disciplinary discussion and debate, focused on the challenges and opportunities currently faced by all companies, academics and individuals operating in today's industrial, welding and fabrication sectors.

### EVBB Conference

The Conference **"New global challenges for VET in a more inclusive Europe: migration, cooperation and excellence in VET"** organized by the European Association of Institutes for Vocational Training (EVBB) in cooperation with European Vocational Training Association (EVTA) from 19th to 22nd October 2016 will take place at the Representation of the State of Hesse to the European Union, in Brussels.

During this conference, TANDEM Consortium will develop one Workshop (WS3) on the 20th of October addressing topics underpinned to Higher Education, Vocational Education and Training and Labour Market needs at European Qualifications Framework level 5, the main focus of TANDEM project.

For more details about the conference visit: <http://evbb.eu/brussels-2016-new-global-challenges-for-vet-in-a-more-inclusive-europe/>

### European Vocational Skills Week

This first **European Vocational Skills Week** will take place from 5th to 9th December 2016 with events in Brussels and parallel activities in Member States, EFTA and EU candidate countries at national, regional and local levels.

The main aim of this event is to improve the **attractiveness and image of vocational education and training**, at the same time to showcase excellence and quality and raise awareness of the wide range of opportunities.

## UPCOMING





## TANDEM MEETINGS

### Kick-off Meeting in Berlin

On 14th and 15th January 2016 in Berlin, Germany, the **first meeting of TANDEM Project** took place. All the members of the consortium participated: from Prysmian – Cables and systems for energy and telecommunications (TR), EUCEN European Universities Continuing Education Network (BE), European Federation for Welding, Joining and Cutting – EFW (BE), Leido and Chain5 (NL) and Industry and Chamber of Commerce Oviedo (ES). After welcoming consortiums partners by the coordinator Hümeyra Baykan, each partner gave a brief presentation about his/her organisations' main fields, followed by discussion related with the project steps, work packages and establishing the next steps and upcoming events.

### Meeting in Mudanya

The Turkish partner Prysmian of the EVBB Project **TANDEM** organised on 28th and 29th of June 2016 a dissemination event and workshop with project partners and local guests at their Prysmian group manufacturing academy in Mudanya, Turkey.

Representatives of the trade union MESS, Bogazici University, Uludag University, VET schools, Coskunöz education Stiftung, as well as local newspapers attended the event. Board Chairman of Prysmian group Halil Kongur said "we attach great importance to the quality of human resources training by offering professional development opportunities. As the Turkish partner of the Erasmus+ Project TANDEM we contribute to the active involvement of relevant stakeholders in order to create new communication pathways between practitioners from educational and business world and policy makers".



### Meeting in Berlin

During the 2nd and the 3rd of August another meeting of TANDEM project had taken place in Berlin, Germany.

The meeting gathered representatives from Prysmian – Cables and systems for energy and telecommunications (TR), EUCEN European Universities Continuing Education Network (BE), European Federation for Welding, Joining and Cutting – EFW (BE), Leido and Chain5 (NL) and Industry and Chamber of Commerce Oviedo (ES).

The TANDEM meeting focused on following up the project's steps, analyzing, reviewing and updating the working packages and involved consortium agreement for the next steps regarding the up-coming events and work packages of the project.





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