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ECVET Skills Platform

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OVERVIEW

ECVET Skills Platform aims to help overcome skills mismatch between VET system and labour market with a focus on CNC Machine Operating. The skills mismatch refers to a discrepancy between the demand and supply of skills on the labour market; namely, the skills sought by employers are different from the skills offered by workers.

The skill mismatches are a growing concern for Europe's competitiveness. Thus, education needs to drive up both standards and levels of achievement to match the demand. To achieve excellence in VET, training curricula must be able to react to the demand for advanced vocational skills tailored to the regional economic context, by systematically being renewed and by the active involvement of businesses, especially SMEs.

The ECVET Skills Platform will promote the interaction between the labour market and vocational education systems to contribute the right skill-match. It also supports VET systems to fulfil labour market needs by guiding them on how to embed and teach technical skills, personal and conceptual skills. In addition, the project contributes to the visibility of the market's skill demand.

AIMS

The project aims to develop an innovative platform that will promote interaction between the labour market and VET providers. ECVET Skills Platform will facilitate to overcome the current skill mismatches in CNC Machine Operating. Through ECVET Skills Platform, the firms will rank personal, skills conceptual, and technical required on the labour market. On the other end of the line, VET systems will have an opportunity to closely monitor ranking of the skills and adapt their curriculum to be compatible with labour market needs.

The ECVET Skills Platform aims to develop a curriculum and training content for CNC Machine Operator at EQF Level 4 that will include personal and conceptual skills along with technical skills. The proposed curriculum and training content will be based on the valued skills relevant for labour market. As such, the proposed educational intervention will not only ensure the satisfaction of labour market as final beneficiaries, but it will also have a positive impact on VET institutions, teachers, and of these means trainers. By it is aimed interventions, to **VET** contribute to high-quality provision in the long term.

RESULTS

- 1. Skills Map: a comprehensive mapping of needs for personal, conceptual, and technical skills defined for CNC Machine Operators in each partner country.
- 2. Definitions of Skills with Learning Outcomes for EQF Level 4: It aims to analyse technical, personal, and conceptual skills in units of learning outcomes.
- 3. ECVET Skills Platform: interactive platform between labour market and VET systems that will allow the labour market to value skills needed for CNC Machine Operators and give VET teachers and trainers the opportunity to understand the demand and improve the curriculum accordingly.
- 4. Curriculum Design for Skills of EQF Level 4: The curriculum will include personal, conceptual, and technical skills.
- 5. Training Content: The training content will guide VET teachers and trainers on how to teach the skills demanded by the labour market.
- 6. Content-rich Learning Materials: videos, promotions, presentations for increasing the effectiveness of training materials.
- 7. White Paper for Student Involvement: academic introduction of the project by communicating the process of student involvement to the relevant stakeholders, labour market, and VET providers.

Kick-Off Meeting

ECVET Skills Platform project, supported by the Turkish National Agency within the Erasmus+ Strategic Partnership for Vocational Education and Training, will be implemented between the dates 01.09.2019 and 31.12.2021.

The kick-off meeting of the ECVET Skills Platform Project was hosted by GOI in Istanbul on the 8th-9th January 2020 with the attendance of representatives from partner organisation ISO (Turkey), ITU (Turkey) Yakacık Vocational and Technical High School (Turkey), AKETH (Greece), EUROMASC (Norway), INFODEF (Spain), SBG (Germany) and WIAB (Austria).

At the meeting, the partners presented their organisations. The project activity plan has been reviewed. National analyses regarding technical, personal, and conceptual skills for CNC Machine Operators in partner countries were presented and discussed for further improvements. Management tools were presented. The initial ideas on the platform were shared.



What is Next?

Partners will apply a short questionnaire to labour market representatives and VET providers to identify which skills are most in demand. According to the results obtained, partners will finalize the analysis on technical, personal, and conceptual skills needed for CNC Machine Operators in their country.



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