



ToP MoSt Newsletter

Second International Meeting
Izmit, Turkey. April 18th & 19th 2013

Key points

- Project's aims
- Understanding the rules
- Sharing the results
- Understanding the difference between UE countries
- Learning from Dudley College

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Building a common language

After six months from the beginning of the project we have built a strong network of institutions with a cooperative working environment.

This second transnational meeting, was a point of inflection in the achievement of one of the main outcomes of the project: **the mobility handbook.**

In the work done to prepare this meeting, each partner described the learning outcomes that will be included in the Mobility Handbook.

During the meeting, when partners shared all the information about qualifications and modules, they identified as a key point to the success of the project the necessity of building a

common understanding on what "learning outcomes" (L.O.) are.

The aim is to build a common language that allow the identification of L:O suitable for transferring which stimulates the exchange of students and apprentices, a mutual trust and to strength the link between VET and labour.



Opening Ceremony

The first session of this second international meeting was placed in Kocaeli Chamber of Industry. Kocaeli region is the heart of industry in Turkey with



Mr. .Egemert Mert

chemical, automotive and metal industry.

The vice-general secretary of Kocaeli Chamber of Industry Mr. Egemert Mert gave the partners a warm welcome and outlined the activity of the Chamber of Industry.

Afterwards, partners were welcomed by Mr. Özcan Bedel, headmaster of Izmit Technical Vocational High It School.

The warm welcome and the extraordinary reception that our hosts have shown



Mr. Özcan Bedel

us will be difficult to forget. In addition, the team of, Izmit Technical Vocational High It School surprised us with all the technical and material details.

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”

Nelson Mandela



Toni, Haluk and Ozcan

“Plans are only good intentions unless they immediately degenerate into hard work.”

Peter Drucker

Lecture : What is ECVET?

An expert from Istanbul Aydin University, Mrs. Prof. Aslan gave a very interesting conference about ECVET and LLP projects .

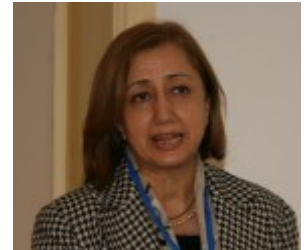
In ECVET, an individual's learning outcomes are assessed and validated in order to transfer credits from one qualification system to another, or from one learning "pathway" to another. According to this

approach, learners can accumulate the required learning outcomes for a given qualification over time, in different countries or in different situations.

Prof. Aslan presented the actual situation and good practice examples that can be found at www.ebs.aydin.edu.tr.

It was also presented the information available at

“Europass”-websites, where partners can find useful data about the educational systems of European . countries



Prof. Zafer Alsan

Learning Outcomes Validation

The objective of this workshop was to present the results of the work of Work Package 2.

In this document, each participating school presented the main issues of quali-

cation recognition in its own country.

Main topics were:

- Name and status of the Body awarding the certificate
- Name and status of the

national/regional authority providing accreditation/recognition of the certificate

- Examining board
- Grading scale
- Partial recognition of qualifications: modules and learning outcomes.



After spending a productive morning in the Chamber of Industry, participants in the meeting went to Ford Factory in Izmit.

Common Learning Outcomes

This work session was led by Mr. Ignacio Ferrer, Technical Manager of the Project.

During this workshop partners discussed the importance of having a common language when talking about competences in the definition of Learning Outcomes.

The mobility handbook will include 37 qualifications

that have more than 2.000 Learning Outcomes that are codified and included in the project database.

Xabec departments have checked all the Learning Outcomes, and they identified a big challenge: Learning Outcomes described by the partners are similar but not exactly the same. Therefore, the identification of learning outcomes suitable for mobility it is not

possible using the database as it is now.

Now all partners have to check their L.O.s in this database and compare them with the materials which they have sent to Xabec



The challenge: To Build Common Learning Outcomes

The workshops in the morning of the second day were held at Tüpras Petrochemical Factory.

After the description of the findings of Xabec’s technical departments, the task



of all partners is to find a common understanding of what common Learning Outcomes could be.

Xabec classified all the learning outcomes by knowledge and activities, and build what they have called “Hive Cells”

In each cell there is a group of similar learning outcomes. Partner will analyse and validate this classification.

Finally, partners will make suggestions for common Learning Outcomes in their modules and agree on the Learning Outcomes that will be in the mobility handbook.

All this work will be done by Skype-Telephone conferences.



Management Issues

Mariammar Cervantes joined the meeting via Skype.

During this workshop, Mrs. Cervantes reviewed all the regulations given by Spanish National Agency regarding financial reports.

She also presented new templates to facilitate the report of invoices.

Technical aids for this workshop were amazing. After finishing it partners visited the facilities of Türpas Pet-

rochemical Factory.



Dissemination and Quality Assurance

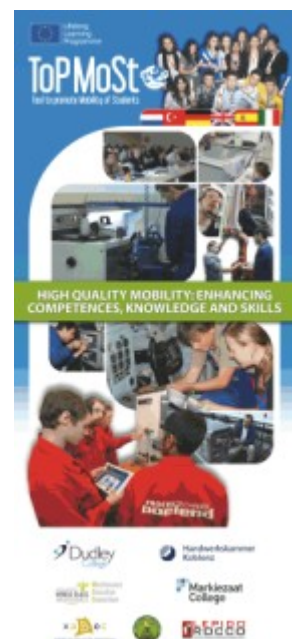
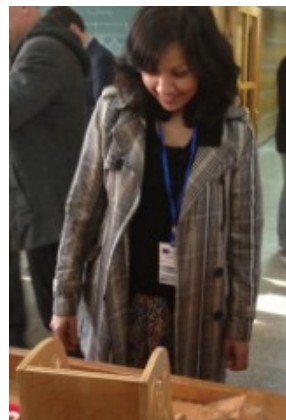
This workshop was led by Maintenance Education Consortium. The group discussed about the quality indicators of each of the results of the project.

Partners reviewed the dissemination plan and also

discussed different approaches to have an exit dissemination of the project. One of the ideas is to produce video-interviews with teachers and students about mobility.

Partners visited Izmit Tech-

nical and Vocational High School after the workshops.



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Enhancing competences,
knowledge and skills**



See you in Motta di Livenza

Our next meeting in September will be in Motta di Livenza, Veneto Region in Italy.

This will be a crucial meeting of our project: all the Learning Outcomes of the Mobility Handbook will be defined and we will start with the Mobility matrix.

The focus will be on assessment, validation, and recognition of the learning outcomes, and also in the mobility documents.

Our colleagues have prepared a few days that will be unforgettable.



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Dissemination Activities

Our colleagues from Izmit Technical and Vocational High School made an effort and prepared dissemination meetings with the Director of the Project Mr. Antonio Mir and authorities of Kocaeli Region.



Meeting with Mr. Nevzat Isprili- Director of Kocaeli Provincial Directorate of National Education



Meeting with Mr. Enver Düz - EU Coordinator, Governorship of Kocaeli



Livebroadcast with Mrs. Tülay YAZICI - KocaeliTV - Programme "About Life"