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Project Approval

The project 'Communicating Professional Competence' (acronym: ComProCom) was approved for funding in August 2015, via ERASMUS+ Key Action 2 - Strategic Partnerships for vocational education and training, with contract number 2015-1-EL01-KA202-013960.

The project aims to develop competence descriptions that are supported across the partnership's countries and take account of multiple national VET systems, NQFs and modes of professional organization, making it easier to develop a common international 'language' of competence to aid mutual recognition and transferability.

The partnership consists of six partners: Hellenic Agency for Local Development and Local Government - EETAA, coordinator (EL), Stan Lester Developments (UK), Irish Institute of Training and Development (IR), Sächsische Bildungsgesellschaft für Umweltschutz und Chemieberufe Dresden mbH (DE), Instytut Technologii Eksploatacji-Panstwowy Instytut Badawczy (PL) and Die BeraterUnternehmensberatungsGesellschaft MBH (AT).

News/Progress

The ComProCom Project

ComProCom aims to improve the way that descriptions of competence match how professions and occupations work in practice, in particular in moving away from descriptions of tasks and responsibilities to considering core capabilities that have wide application within each field, are not limited by assumptions about the organization and context of individual jobs, and are resilient to changes in practice and technologies.



The outputs of the project will be:

- ∞ Six national reports on a review of the current situation in terms of the use of competence standards and frameworks in the participating member-states, plus a synthesis report

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- ∞ One methodological manual
- ∞ Five competence frameworks in five areas of occupational activity (training and development, business administration, chemical engineering, management of innovation, and social entrepreneurship)
- ∞ One validated training pack for developers of competence frameworks
- ∞ One or more academic papers
- ∞ Multiplier events (workshops/seminars) in Poland and the UK, and a final international conference in Athens
- ∞ The ComProCom website, designed in a way that can serve as a EUROPEAN COMPETENCE FORUM after the end of the project, in English, Greek, German and Polish.

The web site can be found at www.comprocom.eu

Meetings/Events

Kick-off Meeting for ComProCom

The ComProCom kick-off meeting was held on 4 and 5 November 2015 in Vienna, Austria. Part of the meeting was attended by Ms. Petra Stöhr from IBW, the Austrian VET research agency, who was invited to attend as an external expert.

All partners, and our guest, had the opportunity to attend an in-depth analysis and discussion of the theoretical background that will inform the implementation of the ComProCom project, led by Dr Stan Lester.



Workshop on the management of approved projects

The Greek National Agency for ERASMUS+, the State Scholarships Foundation (IKY), held a successful workshop on the management of approved KA2 projects in Athens on Friday, October 23, 2015.

We were happy to meet the Head of International Scholarship Directorate of Special Programmes Mrs Maria Nikitakis, who described

the broader context of the workshop, and Dr. Irene Ntroutsas, Head of the Department of European Programmes, who shared with us their experience and provided precise guidelines as regards the management of our project. At the end of the meeting we had the opportunity to meet and discuss with our Project Supervisor, Elina Dagle.





Review of current situation in participating countries

The first deliverable of the project "Review of current situation" in participating countries will be completed on January 2016 and will be presented to the partnership and invited experts in our next project meeting in Dresden.

A synthesis report, based on partners' national reports, will be produced by Dr Jola Religa with the aim of developing an understanding of different approaches to 'competence' in the partner countries, and putting them into context. The report will contain a summary of the situation in each country, followed by a synthesis that contextualises key

similarities and differences.

Next Project Meeting

The second Meeting of the partnership will take place on 2 - 4 February 2016, in Dresden, Germany.

This Meeting includes, besides the discussion on the progress of ComProCom and the presentation of "Review of current situation" in participating countries, a two day participative knowledge transfer session by Dr Stan Lester on appropriate approaches, methodologies and tools for the development of competence frameworks.

The "Review of current situation" will be used to inform the knowledge transfer session both in terms of any different models and methodologies that it would be useful to include, and to ensure that the content takes account of partners' needs and contexts.

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