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Spanish Competition on Vocational Training - Spainskills 2017



The first week of March, from the 1st to the 3rd of March, the Spainskills 2017 championship, the Vocational Training competitions of Spain, took place at the Fairgrounds of Ifema, Madrid (Spain).

Once again, for one of the Automotive Technology profile test, the training equipment PNEUMATE-200 was used. Participants had to design and implement a pneumatic circuit diagram with this system and SMC International Training, who was there as a collaborator, evaluated the results.

Congratulations to the winners of all the specialities!

Do you know the IVET SYSTEM of your country?

We have produced a Report about our VET systems (Italy, Romania, Germany and Spain) and we used a file to compare the VET Systems.

Please check it in:

1. Final Report of the survey of national educational systems and evaluation of good practices.

http://www.dual-t.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=53:final-report-of-the-survey&catid=17&Itemid=162

In our news section of the Dual-t web you can know the Italian IVET system (International Vocational Training). Consorzio IES, Italian partner of DUAL-T has produce a brief report of their system:

http://www.dual-t.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=category&layout=blog&id=19&Itemid=140

EQAVET



Dual-t is in the validation work package and we like present the most important Entity in these sense: EQAVET, European Quality Assurance in Vocational Education and Training.

EQAVET has contributed to advancing a quality culture in VET in European countries.

We are developing and integrating common points of references about the EQAVET because is important to take account the mission of this Entity for the implementation of DUAL VET. They have the following tasks:

- Assisting the Member States in developing effective approaches to support the implementation of the Reference Framework.
- Developing a culture of quality, to be embedded at European level and other levels with the help of the Quality Assurance National Reference Points and other Network members.
- Supporting the Member States and the European Commission in the monitoring and implementation of the Reference Framework within the context of the Education and Training 2020 Strategy.
- Supporting the quality assurance dimension of work in EQF and ECVET

Recognition for Open Data Platform for EU funds and Vocational Skills Week



Two European Commission projects have received recognition in the field of employment, social affairs and inclusion.

The Award for Good Administration, which was launched in October 2016 and attracted 90 nominated projects from the main EU institutions as well as many agencies and other bodies, was presented by the European Ombudsman, Emily O'Reilly.

The Open data platform for EU funds won the category Excellence in open administration, while the European Vocational Skills Week 2016 was shortlisted in the category Excellence in Collaboration.

The Open Data Platform informs the public about the planning, implementation and achievements of EU policies for cohesion, employment, fisheries, and rural development. The platform features five funds, 28 countries, 530 programmes, and covers 42% of the EU budget. It provides intuitive visualisations of the investment themes. It also meets the demand from specialised audiences for detailed data on EU funds.

Due to the European Vocational Skills Week, an ambitious policy proposal became a major European initiative mobilising thousands of companies, vocational education and training providers, social partners, researchers, teachers and trainers, and national agencies, and could reach out to young people and their parents. The European Commission is organising [a second European Vocational Skills Week in 2017](#) and the 2016 success can be used as motivation to do even better this year.

TRANSNATIONAL MEETING IN BOLZANO – DUAL-T



On the 21st and 22nd of March 2017, the 5th Transnational meeting of the DUAL-T project was held in Bolzano and hosted by Consorzio IES.

The two days meeting was an opportunity to approach the project's progress, discuss about outputs, share findings and challenges, and exchange all the work developed since the last transnational meeting held in Bucharest (Romania, September 2016).

At this moment, Italy, Spain and Romania are carrying out a pilot action in dual training in connection with training centers and companies. The experiences are being developed in different sectors: metal, construction and agri-food industry. The objective is to test the Guide for Students and the Guide for Tutors in Companies, that have been prepared in the project (intellectual outputs), in order to facilitate the implementation of Dual-T.

Pilot actions have not finished yet, but in Bolzano it was evidenced many differences between the processes and preliminary results, due mostly to the stage of development of the system in their own countries.

The result of the pilot experience will be included in a Guide that will establish a methodology for the delivery of dual training in companies in a harmonized way for the participating European countries. All educational materials will be defined under the Europass apprentice accreditation, making it valid for the entire European education area.

Information about the Europass:



One of the tasks of the project is the preparation of a guide about the validation in context with the Europass.

At the moment all project partners are discussing the Europass.

The Europass is a documentation of the skills and competences of European citizens. This documents includes:

- Curriculum vitae (CV)
- Language Passport
- Europass Mobility
- Certificate Supplement
- Diploma Supplement

The first two documents freely accessible and will completed by European citizens. The last three documents issued by education and training authorities.

The focus at this project is on the **Certificate Supplement**. The Certificate Supplement describes the knowledge and skills acquired by holders of vocational education and training certificates. It provides additional information to that already included in the official certificate and/or transcript, making it more easily understood, especially by employers or institutions abroad.

So it should be possible to evaluate and validate the level of skills and competences in connection to the European Qualification Framework (EQF). This is very important to validate the specific level of skills and competences in the National Qualification Frameworks of the other European countries.

The guide will provide general information about Europass and a detailed description about certificate supplement. Also information about the European Qualification Framework and the National Qualification Frameworks of the

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participated countries – Spain, Italy, Romania and Germany, will included in this guide. In context to our project DUAL-T we will provide a description about the structure of the certificate supplement for the project DUAL-T. And we will also add the examples of the certificates of the pilot project to this guide.

After finishing of this guide, we will provide them at our webpage www.dual-t.com.

THE EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND CELEBRATES ITS 60TH ANNIVERSARY: 6 DECADES OF INVESTMENT IN PEOPLE



The year 2017 marks the 60th anniversary of the European Social Fund (ESF), Europe's oldest and main instrument to invest in people.

Today it is an **important driver** of job creation, promoting better education, more modern public administrations and social inclusion and therefore a key tool to ensure **fairer opportunities** for all citizens.

Celebrations of the Fund's achievements and debates on the future of human capital funding in Europe **kicked off** on the 23rd of March with the [conference "European Social Fund: past, present and future"](#), hosted by the Maltese Presidency of the EU, ahead of the celebrations of the 60th anniversary of the Treaties of Rome and the meeting with the EU Social Partners in Rome which will be attended by President Juncker, Vice-President Dombrovskis and Commissioner Thyssen.

In the past 60 years, the European Social Fund has **helped** millions of Europeans **find a job, gain a qualification or certificate** and **increase their skills levels**. These outcomes are achieved through many thousands of projects carried out everywhere in Europe.

Their work doesn't stop there. Also in the period 2014-2020 millions of people have benefitted and will benefit from the Fund, thanks to investments from the EU budget of €86.4 billion. During this programming period, the ESF focuses on a

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limited number of priorities to ensure maximum impact, with an **emphasis on youth employment and social inclusion.**

WEB AND TWITTER ACCOUNT:



Dual-t project has a web where include all documents of the project and news linked with the vocational training. If you're interested about dual vocational training please enter in

<http://www.dual-t.com/>

Other tool of communication is our twitter account @Dual_training

Twitter give us a chance to get to know other projects and create bonds through conversation and read the news about this theme. Thanks twitter we can know all latest news of European Commission or other entities, for example CEDEFOP or Erasmus+ Agency.

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