

IT based Methodology for Promoting, Assessing and validating Competence oriented learning and Training

Newsletter

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IMPACT sets off to promote and validate competence oriented learning by developing methodologies based on digital tools for learning.

In February 2015 the IMPACT partners met for the first time in Alden Biesen, Belgium to discuss how the ambitious programme of the project can be brought to practice. The acronym stands for “IT based Methodology for Promoting, Assessing and validating Competence oriented learning and Training”



The project consortium consists of ten European institutions from Bulgaria, Poland, Slovakia, Lithuania, Belgium, Greece, Italy, Portugal and Germany. They share the goal to develop methodologies to foster and validate competence oriented learning and e-learning in different sectors of education and to give credit to learners through competence validation. IMPACT will promote validation as future tool in qualifications and CPD in VET and for courses for educational professionals of the Comenius and Grundtvig community.



Objectives

The project puts a strong focus on IT development and integration since it will for the first time develop specifications for open source virtual learning environments (moodle LMS and Mahara e-portfolio) for interfaces of validation systems for learning outcomes in formal and not formal learning.

With this IMPACT creates a cornerstone for the “new way of (competence oriented) learning”, for the further utilisation of OER (open educational resources) and rich open learning environments.

The project aims to:

- combine EUROPASS, ECVET, ECTS and LEVEL5 on the technical level
- provide specifications for all these systems for different applications (e.g. e-portfolios)
- provide a fully fledged software consisting of validation for EUROPASS, ECVET, ECTS and LEVEL5, learning platform (Moodle) and e-Portfolio
- include the data (EQF level descriptions, learning outcome descriptions, indicators) established by VET consortia in the LLP
- establish open online resources to apply the approach in e-portfolios and LMS
- networking e.g. for GRU and COMENIUS providers.

Next Steps

After having discussed the work programme of the entire project, we will start by delving into the stocktaking phase. The stocktaking shall provide an overview about existing practices, obstacles and needs in regard to the application of ECVET, open educational resources and validation in different sectors of education across Europe.

The European online survey is foreseen to be launched in May this year. We already now invite you to participate. When everything is prepared we will send you an invitation with the link to answer our questions. Please also share this link with colleagues, whose work relates to the objectives of IMPACT.

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