

V2V internationalization newsletter

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V2V: a capacity-building project for Western Balkans schools

VET to VET (V2V) is an European-funded pilot project aiming to improve the innovation, modernization and internationalization of VET schools in the Western Balkans.

It is coordinated by Apro Formazione and brings together ten VET schools, five within the European Union (*Italy, Netherlands, Finland, Slovenia and Croatia*) and five between *Montenegro, Kosovo, Bosnia and Herzegovina*. The logic of the project is based on constant twinning, coaching and support between an European school and a Balkan school, with a bottom-up approach.

Transnational meeting in Budva

Agreed on the most important details for the last year of the project

In mid-December 2022, project partners met in beautiful Budva, Montenegro.



Achievements of the project were discussed and the most important details and activities for the last year of the V2V project were agreed upon.



VET to VET project – opportunity for staff training over job shadowing

The program of the V2V project also includes job shadowing of staff. It is a perfect opportunity for teachers or other school employees to get acquainted with new methods of work and teaching.

In the past few months, two job shadowings were carried out as part of the V2V project - DTC to Gospodarska and JU SSS to SIC.

DTC to Gospodarska

In the period from January 23 to January 27 three professors from the Diakonie Training Center, Mitrovica, stayed at Gospodarska. Colleagues from DTC had the opportunity to see the organization of work in a vocational school and the way we implement other Erasmus+ projects.



At the working meetings, together with the project coordinators from GSC, Irena Mavrin and Marko Židov, they discussed further plans and activities for the 1st conference of the V2V project, which will be held in Priština in March.

They also visited the companies where the girls from DTC were on a short-term and long-term mobility.



JU SSS to SIC

In the period 06-10.03.2023. teacher Srđa Kostić paid a professional visit to the Ljubljana Vocational Education Center. The hosts allowed him to learn about the implementation of the dual education system in their school, visit partner companies that participate in student exchange in Erasmus+ projects and learn about work on the latest projects at this school.



Study mobility: be prepared for a life changing experience!

Learning mobility opportunities aim to encourage the mobility of students, staff, trainees, apprentices, youth workers and young people.

In the last few months, three long-term mobilities have been carried out as part of the V2V project - SSSK to Noordepoort, Danilo Kiš to APRO, JU SSS to SIC.

Mobilities can change your life completely!



SSSK to Noordepoort

Students from JU SSS attend long-term mobility in Groningen and the work activities includes: practice in Autocenter, school workshops and also numerous cultural activities.



Danilo Kiš to APRO

At the beginning of January, students from the Danilo Kiš school started their long-term mobility in Alba. Considering the rich tradition of Italian cuisine, we believe that during their stay in Italy they will learn all the secrets and crafts of the best cuisine in the world.



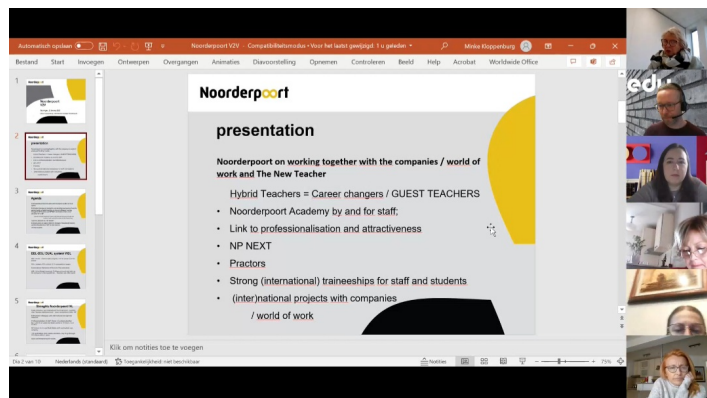
JU SSS to SIC

Students from JU SSS Veliša Đekić and Haris Kriještorac have been on mobility in Slovenia for two months. Veliša and Haris are training professionally at the company "Wallis Motor Ljubljana" - a specialized and authorized car service for BMW vehicles.

Community of practice - sharing best practices and creating new knowledge

With the goal of sharing common interests and new knowledge from different member states of the project, two communities of practice were formed within the V2V project:

- 1) Internationalization & mobility – Project design & management
- 2) Teachers & staff training – School-company cooperation



Through various meetings within these two microgroups, an effort is made to share the best experiences in order to improve and strengthen the capacities of all schools.

Conference in Kosovo - dissemination of knowledge gained in the project

The conference was held March 28th, 2023 in Pristina at the Emerald Hotel. The conference was held at a very high level and was noticed in the host country. Main topics were current achievements of the project and the possibilities of spreading knowledge to other schools and institutions in Kosovo.

The guests of the conference were representatives of the ministry, officials associated with EU projects in Kosovo and current partners of the project who were presenting the progress made in the project.



During the afternoon session, a workshop was held where all present participants actively participated in the discussion in different groups.

The most important conditions were highlighted and the main goals for strengthening the capacity of vocational education in Kosovo were set.

The conference was held at a high level, and we can conclude that it certainly contributed to the development of vocational education in Kosovo.



Next steps of the project - Conferences, Webinars and Communities of Practice

What will happen in V2V in the next months?

The two groups of Communities of practice have the task of reaching the main conclusions so that the best practices can be successfully implemented in the partner schools.

Also, as part of the Community of practice, we have the task to organize Webinars for all teachers eager for new knowledge and experiences. There will soon be more information about these events.

After the successful first conference in Kosovo, two more will follow in Montenegro and Bosnia and Herzegovina. The goal of the conferences is the same - the improvement of vocational school capacities in the West Balkan area.

The conference in Montenegro will be held on April 20, 2023, while the conference in Bosnia and Herzegovina will be held on May 18, 2023.

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