

What is E-Mentoring Project?

Mentoring is a form of effective informal training to improve the employability of people without direct access to traditional training. Mentoring is an instructional strategy, a form of teaching where the tutor teaches alongside the learners, encouraging them to learn from the mentor's own working examples. Mentoring involves approaches such as encouragement/advice/befriending, ongoing contact and sharing between mentor and mentees, problem-based training, counseling and discussions.



The E-Mentoring Project opens up an opportunity for adult education providers and other relevant actors to influence VET and present their needs using this promotion of ICT technologies.

The focus of this project will be mentoring with ICT. The project's approach for improvement in the quality of VET through ICT mentoring is the increased cooperation between VET providers and all their stakeholders. The employers, branch and client representatives, personal assistants themselves, and the VET-providers will define together an education and training profile for this profession in Belgium, Bulgaria, Italy, the United Kingdom and Turkey.

Project Update

Since our last E-Bulletin partners have been busy with work on the preparation of our pilot IT course and mentoring programme.

Belgian partners Phoenix KM, have worked hard on producing an online platform, which will allow mentees to meet with their mentors virtually and receive guidance and support in video chat rooms as well as accessing other resources developed by the project, including the e-learning modules for the ICT course.

In Bulgaria, Zgura-M have developed training packs for mentors and mentees as well as a general guide to e-mentoring, which aims to provide participants with an introduction to the project and an overview of what to expect during the mentoring programme. The mentors pack also gives information on setting up mentoring programmes for disabled adults and seniors in this context. This was supported by Amitié, our Italian partner, delivering a complete and hard worked on Italian translation of the training packs!

Finally, all partners have begun to plan for the delivery phase of the project which began in September. You can read more about this further down.

Partnership meetings in Sheffield and Ieper

The second E-mentoring partnership meeting was attended by all involved partners and held in Sheffield (UK) between 27th and 29th June 2012.

The main objectives of this second meeting were to discuss training modules for both mentors and mentees and the collection of information about European best practices regarding adult mentoring programmes. The needs of the target groups were also discussed and previous scientific methods of mentoring were reviewed, aided by educative materials produced by various organizations in the field. Discussions of the project's website and the piloting of the ICT course were followed by a study visit to Sheffield City College where participants could learn about UK mentoring methods on a first-hand basis and partners enjoyed a tour of the excellent facilities available as can be seen above!



Ypres (Flanders, Belgium) was the destination of the third meeting from the 10th until the 13th September 2012 where the focus was on the progress made by each partner, especially the availability of the integrated online eMentoring platform. Discussion then turned to the means of recruitment and implementation of piloting the mentoring course with further dialogue on the details of project dissemination. Not to be outdone at the second meeting, the Belgian hosts had arranged for the meeting to take place at a local end-user organization (WVA – Werkgroep Vorming & Actie), while a study visit to the VDAB (Flemish Employment and Vocational Training Service) and the local Jobcentrum (a non-profit organization for training and coaching of people with decreased job opportunities due to a disability; in Flanders, there are 12 similar organizations recognized by the VDAB). During the meeting, partners had the opportunity to learn about the support disabled job-hunters receive from these 2 organisations. After a short meeting with the local press, there was also a chance to visit Page Electronica, a trend setting company whose staff comprises more than 7% of people with disabilities.



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Recruitment for Pilot Courses

E-mentoring is now looking to recruit both mentors and mentees across all partner countries (Turkey, Bulgaria, Belgium, Italy and UK) for the piloting of a basic ICT course followed by a mentoring programme, supported also with an online and fully accessible learning platform, and online eMentoring video/chat facility. Piloting would begin in November and run until June 2013.

Partners in each of the participating countries are looking for adults with a physical and/or learning disability, or who are over 50 and who are out of work to take part in this pilot programme. During the basic ICT course the various online and offline tools used in E-mentoring will be introduced to participants. This will be followed by a mentoring programme aimed at supporting mentees to begin thinking about returning to work and to support you during your job hunt! Mentoring will include face to face meetings and the chance for more informal online mentoring through web-based video/chats and email.

Interested? Please let us know by emailing your details to info@ementoring.eu and stating your partner country.

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E-mentoring for disabled
E-mentoring is the process of assisting a person to make positive changes in one or more areas of their life over a period of time. E-mentoring helps you uncover what you really want in life and provides a supportive environment where you can achieve your goals. When our mentors become a

ICT for seniors
Nowadays world is characterized by very rapid changes in technology (computers, mobiles, ...) and older people may feel at loss and confused amid these changes. They may not be able to internalise the knowledge necessary to use these new technologies. The main objective of the project is to make

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What is mentoring?
"Mentoring is to support and encourage people to manage their own learning in order that they may maximise their potential, develop their skills, improve their performance and become the person they want to be." Eric Parsloe, The Oxford School of Coaching & Mentoring Mentoring is a powerful

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Kick-off meeting was held in Istanbul
E-Mentoring Project kick-off meeting was held in Istanbul-Turkey between 12th and 14th December
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