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Vocational Technology Enhanced Learning

The Vocational Technology Enhanced Learning (VocTEL) project aims to promote key competences in delivering vocational technology enhanced collaborative learning throughout Europe.

The main objectives of the project are the following:

1. Transfer an existing product - an on-line postgraduate level qualification in Technology Enhanced Learning (TEL) currently focusing on HE tutors as a target group, to trainers in vocational education and training throughout Europe;
2. Work with project partners and the ultimate target group to adapt the innovation to specific cultural and employment focused contexts;
3. Create a sustainable professional support network or community of TEL trainers within Europe, with an on-line community presence;
4. Initiate an annual European conference for vocational on-line collaboration and learning to enable the sharing of best practice and dissemination of innovation;
5. Impact on VET systems and practices with regard to TEL delivery.

VocTEL conference: June 17-18, 2015



The first VocTEL conference focuses on “Case Studies and Tools in Practice” and will take place in Athens, Greece.

The Vocational Technology Enhanced Learning Conference is an international, research and practice-based conference funded by the European Union: Leonardo Da Vinci Agency. It is the first conference which aims to bridge the gap between real market demands for training and academic research. The scope of VocTEL 2015 includes the following topics: Experiences & Case Studies in Vocational Technology Enhanced Learning, Curriculum Design And Innovation (Pedagogy And Methods), Technologies: Practical Issues and Demonstration of New Tools.

The keynote speakers are Dr Niki Lambropoulos, Greece; Dr Liz Bennett, UK; Dr Charalambos Vrasidas, Cyprus; Dr Mariya Aleksandrova Ivanova, Bulgaria.

Pilot testing

Partners have been working together to develop and pilot learning materials for the online postgraduate programme in Vocational Technology Enhanced Learning. Approximately forty students from the participating countries registered in the programme for the academic year 2014-1015.

The pilot testing of the programme started in October 2014. The participants completed Module One: Designing for Technology Enhanced Learning and Module Two: Implementing Technology for Enhanced Learning. The first year of this three-year programme is funded through the EU Lifelong Learning Programme.

Successful participants will be awarded a PGCE from the University of Wales Trinity Saint David. Participants have the opportunity to continue on a fee-based programme for an MA degree from the University of Wales Trinity Saint David.

Meet the partners



The Project is led by University of Wales Trinity Saint David in conjunction with E and X Themeli, Greece; Language Centre, University of Cyprus, Cyprus; Varna Free University, Bulgaria; and Excellia Ltd., Bulgaria.

The strength of the consortium lies in its equal combination of grass roots private Vocational Education and Training (VET) business organisations and Higher Education organisations have experience of using TEL for learning and have also delivered VET online across European borders.

All the four participating countries provide partners with education or training as a primary business activity. Two of the countries' project partners from Bulgaria and Greece are stakeholders from the target audience and the other partners are Universities that all have experience of VET and online delivery.