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Strengthening Training to Employment Pathways

The 4th meeting of ECVET-STEP project partners will be hosted by the Chamber of Agriculture and Forestry of Slovenia in Ljubljana in June 2015. We'd like to use the opportunity and present this project partner and its location to our readers.

The Chamber of Agriculture and Forestry of Slovenia (CAFS) is located in the city of Ljubljana.

This city can be found at the middle of a trade route between the northern Adriatic Sea and the Danube region. It has been the cultural, educational, economic, political, and administrative center of independent Slovenia since 1991. Its advantages are the central geographic location within Slovenia, transport connections, concentration of industry, scientific and research institutions and cultural tradition.

The first impression a

visitor gets of Ljubljana is that it is an exceptionally young city. It is home to over 50,000 students, who give it a special vibe. As four Slovene regions meet in Ljubljana, the city's numerous restaurants and inns offer a wide range of local delicacies, not to mention superb wines.

CAFS has successfully been operating for 13 years. The Chamber has evolved into an active and successful player when it comes to solving problems and representing Slovene agriculture, forestry and fishing at home and abroad.

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and Forestry of Slovenia is the umbrella interest organization of natural and legal persons in the Republic of Slovenia engaged in agriculture, forestry and fishery. Its central task is to protect and represent their interests, to consult them and accelerate economical and environment friendly activities.

CAFS is also actively involved in international activities. It is a member of Copa Cogeca and it participates on international conferences, congresses, fairs and preserves and strengthens good interaction with the agricultural organizations within and outside EU, especially with the organizations in ex-Yugoslavia states. CAFS is also a partner on several European projects.

Within the ECVET-STEP project, CAFS is one of the suppliers of services of VET and takes care of the implementation of the whole process of VET.

Highlights

- **Happy Easter!**
- **Seminar on ECVET for lifelong learning expected in May**
- **Preparation for pilot testing and evaluation of project outcomes**



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ECVET-STEP Stakeholders

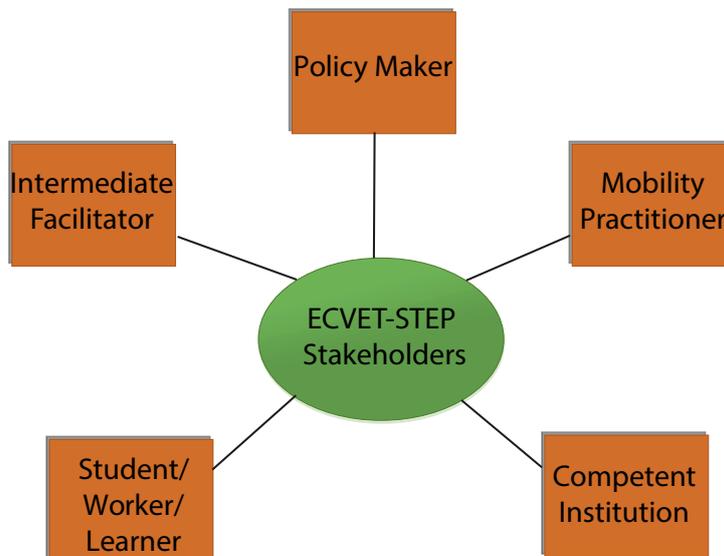
Stakeholder may be defined as any individual or group of individuals with an interest or stake in a consensus-building process thereby the outcome of the project and/or an ability to exert a positive or negative influence by the execution or completion of a project or being affected by the work or its deliverables, outputs, or results. Project stakeholders are consequently entities that have an interest in a given project. Project stakeholders consist of individuals and organizations organization which:

- sponsor a project, or
- have an interest or a gain upon a successful completion of a project; or
- may have a positive or negative influence in the project completion.

In the ECVET-STEP project we can differentiate between 5 groups of stakeholders. The first group, the Policy Makers includes EU bodies active in the process of skills recognition around Europe. The second group of stakeholders is evident as they are the primary beneficiaries of the project, the students, learners and workers. The third type of stake-

holders are the intermediates or facilitators who have some role in the design and development of new qualifications and awards in establishing standards and assessment criteria. They are the national bodies and social partners. The fourth category of stakeholders, the mobility practitioners, are responsible for organising mobility and for sending and hosting

individual learners. Into this category belong the sending and receiving organizations (VET providers - mainly schools, and companies) and organizing institutions (sectoral bodies and specialist mobility agencies) The last category of stakeholders are competent institutions which are responsible for the design and award of qualifications, the allocation of credit points to qualifications, and the assessment, validation and recognition of learning outcomes. National ministries, sectoral bodies, chambers, regional educational and employment administration, qualification awarding bodies, VET providers and companies belong into this category of stakeholders.



Easter

Easter is the holiday that commemorates the central event of the Christian faith: the resurrection of Jesus Christ three days after his death by crucifixion. All major branches of Christianity observe

the holiday. Today, other than church attendance, the holiday often involves Easter Eggs for toys and



candy as well as the imagery of bunnies and rabbits. Easter occurs the Sunday after Good Friday. The origins of

the word "Easter" are not certain, but probably derive from Estre, an Anglo-Saxon goddess of spring - the relationship to spring seems to be undeniable. We wish all our supporters Happy Easter!

Advantages of Becoming an ECVET European Network Member

ECVET relies on volunteer participation of Member States and stakeholders of vocational training. It provides a methodological framework for describing qualifications in terms of learning outcomes using units. As a system it is founded on granted partner agreements regarding qualification transparency and mutual stakeholder trust.

All organisations involved in education and vocational training can become ECVET European network members. These organizations are known awarding, assessment or training bodies, but also any organisation which may be involved in implementing ECVET.

There are numerous advantages of becoming an ECVET European network member. Joining the ECVET network allows these organisations to

- develop their operational knowledge and skills for implementing ECVET by meeting top experts in Europe,
- meet professionals from all over Europe to share on-going projects and the best field practices for these implementations,
- facilitate creating partnerships which are

the basis for developing ECVET.

There are also many services dedicated to

ECVET network members. An institution which is an ECVET network member has access to :

- a fully-comprehensive directory of institution members with the personal information for each contact person,
- accurately-updated information regarding the progress of ECVET implementation and opportunities offered for financing or par-

ticipating in European events,

- documentation intended for members

submitted by the ECVET support team

- 5 annual issues of ECVET magazine with editorials by renowned European specialists, and also current ECVET news,
- an online space for informal exchanges between the network members.

Last but not least, the ECVET European network organisation members may apply to:

- participate in ECVET SEMINARS intended to facilitate the operational implementation of ECVET,

- be part of the ANNUAL ECVET FORUMS,

- organise ECVET seminars or events for their own organisation and benefit from the ECVET TEAM support.

All organizations meeting the membership conditions may apply, by simply filling in the membership request form on the web page of the ECVET team.

All organisation members of the network appear in the network directory. Some of the information is available on the public site and the more detailed information (notably the contact person) is available exclusively for network members.

The contact person of the organization should be elected. This person:

- Receives the information related to the services provided ;
- Passes this information to the people of his/her organisation ;
- Identifies the needs of support and development
- Registers the participant(s) of his/her organisation to the programmes proposed by the ECVET-Team.



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ECVET-STEP aims in making the best value of the ECVET system, facilitating the transfer, accumulation and recognition of credits and learning outcomes or competence acquired otherwise between countries, thus promoting mobility and lifelong learning.

ECVET-STEP's mission is to support European citizens and industry to "take the ECVET STEP": adopt and use ECVET through a stepwise, quality-controlled framework and online services for building knowledge-based employment for the 21st century... And beyond!

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