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Pre-pilot Testing of the RULO Repository

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Current RULO structure

The Pre-pilot testing which started last month consists of two parts: the ECVET-CMF (Capability Maturity Framework) testing and the The RULO Repository testing, for creating and exploring Re-usable Units of Learning Outcomes

We dealt with

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the CMF testing in the last issue, now we'd like to draw our readers' attention to the RULO testing. The RULO includes in the current version the sections described in the chart on the left. We expect the testing results soon.

All the partners are involved, including the technicians. They report their experiences and opinions and we will improve the application accordingly.

Highlights

- The second edition of the European Tertiary Education Register published
- The EC selects applications for capacity building projects for a total of over €120 million
- Eurydice and CRELL have released reports on teaching in Europe and the EC has issued a policy note based on it

ESCO

ESCO is the multilingual classification of European Skills, Competences, Qualifications and Occupations. ESCO is part of the Europe 2020 strategy.

The Commission services launched the project in 2010 with an open stakeholder consultation. DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion – supported by the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training Cedefop – coordinate the

development of ESCO. Stakeholders are closely involved in the development and dissemination of ESCO.

The ESCO classification identifies and categorises skills, competences, qualifications and occupations relevant for the EU labour market and education and training. It systematically shows the relationships between the different concepts. ESCO has been developed in an open IT format, is available

for use free of charge by everyone and can be accessed via the ESCO portal.

The first version of ESCO was published on 23 October 2013. This release marks the beginning of the pilot and testing phase, including the ESCO mapping pilot. Until end of 2016 the classification will be completely revised. The final product will be launched as ESCO v1.

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GreenNET Project has Become a New Associated Partner of ECVET-STEP

The GreenNET network aims to address the increasing necessity to develop an integrative approach in environmental sciences.

way that generates new ideas and innovative solutions, achieving extended awareness-raising on environmental issues.

peoples' interest in science, thus leading to active participation in initiatives for the protection of the environment, directly linked to

ing educational scenarios connecting the curricula of the participating countries to professions related to sustainable development and environmental protection. These will render students more environment-friendly, active and personally and professionally responsible and make them reflective problem solvers.



More specifically, collecting ground-breaking initiatives in the area of environmental education and green careers counselling, it shall disseminate and inspire relevant good practices. To this end, a European web of teachers will be formed and specially trained through specific educational actions, contests, and summer schools, to develop the competencies necessary in order to select and adapt and use in class cutting-edge approaches in environmental education. The formed network will take up the results and use them in a

Ultimately, the objective is to help students to become more active and responsible, both locally and globally.

This way, GreenNET will result in a strong environmental conscience in school communities, leading students to comprehend the significance of protecting the natural environment, as well as the importance of a balanced ecosystem for the orderly operation of human life, thus achieving a major goal of the classroom.

The project aligns with the recommendations of the High Level Group on Science Education for increased young

various school science subjects and to the future choice of career paths.

More specifically, the main objectives of GreenNET are:

- To successfully and permanently link environmental education to career contexts. To address future skills' needs, the focus is on tackling major challenges by properly training the next generation to correspond to major issues such as sustainable development and climate change, and make sound decisions for their future careers.

- To create an inventory of the most outstand-

- To establish a constantly-expanding network of teachers and school communities informed on the necessity of 'green living and teaching' and trained in effective use of digital resources in science teaching. This network shall operate in an independent way, with teachers supplying the educational material and ultimately being responsible for the preservation and further enhancement of the inventory.

We'd like to welcome the GreenNET project in the ECVET-STEP Consortium.

Check our Updated FCB and Twitter

Our Facebook and Twitter social networking services have been improved and are updated regularly. Please check them out. You will find a lot of hints and ideas regarding ECVET and related projects.

Agro ECVET Project

We´d like to introduce to our partners and supporters an agricultural project that may lie in their area of interest.

Agriculture has been recognised as a sector of utmost importance to the EU due to its contribution towards a rural economy in the majority of EU countries. For the EU to strengthen its agricultural sector, it requires knowledgeable workers in the field. Training is essential in the agricultural sector as any other economic sector. However, employees within the agricultural sector are at present finding obstacles to pursue further training due to lack of recognised qualifications in the field of agriculture. Moreover, employees within the agricultural industry are unable to reap the full benefits from their work experiences as these are also



not being recognised. The project thus aims to activate and implement ECVET in the European agricultural sector. Such a system would encourage mobility amongst employees and would encourage exchanges of best practices. Increased European mobility would result in a better skilled and highly experienced workforce rendering positive results for the competitiveness of the EU's agricultural sector. The project brings together various actors within the field of education and the agricultural industry. The pro-

ject partners include VET providers, enterprises, social partners and non-profit associations operating in the agricultural sector, and also public authorities having legislative competence on agriculture and on VET.

To address the issues that the agriculture sector is facing today, the project will define the necessary skills and competences to work in the sector with a particular emphasis placed on jobs in sustainable agriculture.

The project will define qualifications in terms of learning outcomes, mapping onto EQF and ECVET via national qualifications frameworks and designing qualification/s in learning outcomes transferable units with credit points allocation, designing related VET programmes with flexible devices to validate, transfer and recognise learning outcomes achieved in formal, informal and non-formal. The project partners come from Italy, Malta, Hungary, Greece, Belgium and Spain.



World Population Day

World Population Day' is an annual event, observed on July 11 every year, which seeks to raise awareness of global population issues. The event was established by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme in 1989. It was inspired by the public interest in



Five Billion Day on July 11, 1987-approximately the date on which the world's population reached five billion people.

The theme for 2015 World Population Day is Vulnerable Populations in Emergencies. The world is seeing a record number of people displaced by crises.

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