



Learning **O**utcome-oriented **quality** mobility
placements to gain transparency and recognition of
qualifications within the **T**ourism and **C**atering field





PARTNERS

The project involves the partnership of 7 core partners and 17 associated partners across Europe all sharing their expertise and reflecting the necessary stakeholders in the VET system and in the tourism and catering sector:

- ❖ VET tourism and catering schools
- ❖ Training centres and VET providers
- ❖ Enterprises in tourism and catering
- ❖ Public bodies and decision makers



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PROJECT RATIONALE AND OBJECTIVES

One of the central ideas underlying European Lifelong Learning policy is that international mobility should become a natural part of education and training schemes.

However, what still hampers the full potential of learning mobility within the EU are the problems surrounding the recognition of learning periods spent abroad. There still exist, in fact, constraints due to the difficulty in having one's learning outcomes achieved abroad in formal, informal and non formal learning evaluated, validated, recognised, accumulated and transferred.

In order to address these issues, the aim of **LEO quali-TC** is to transfer the innovative results of the ECVET TC NET Leonardo Network project and thus identify an operative framework to test ECVET and to facilitate the validation, recognition, accumulation and transfer of units of learning outcomes.

With a view to developing and testing concepts and procedures to augment learners' mobility and making qualifications more transparent and portable, thus improving the common understanding of EU citizens' learning outcomes within trans-national mobility, better valuing individuals' experiences and upgrading skills for employability, the project aims to test ways of putting ECVET into practice.

MAIN PROJECT OUTCOMES

1. European Survey and Competence Grid

The European Survey gives an overview about the requested and available competences in the Tourism and Catering sector in Europe and it forms the basis of the development and finalisation of the Competence Grid as being the core instrument for the presentation of the whole set of competences and learning outcomes available and needed in the Tourism and Catering field.

2. ECVET Model for Tourism and Catering

It is based on the principles and results of the ECVET TC NET model and the competences deduced from the European Survey and Competence Grid.

3. Memorandum of Mutual Understanding (MoU) and Certificate

The MoU is one of the two central supporting documents for the implementation of the ECVET model for the Tourism

and Catering industry. It contains the text description of an ethical code which all signing partners are declaring to accept through their signature. Furthermore, for a full transparency of the competences and learning outcomes mentioned, an ECVET compliant certificate, as attachment to the national certificates, completes the supporting documents.

4. Test implementation of the ECVET model: mobility.

Following the philosophy

PROJECT ADDED VALUE

The project is implemented in an European context considering the European priority and thematic approached such as “*ECVET for transparency and recognition of learning outcomes and qualifications*”. The development of ECVET began in 2002 after the Copenhagen Process emphasizing the need for a credit transfer system for VET.

LEO quali-TC is a project based on the concrete responses to the questions of developing ECVET in the European member States and corresponding to the 2009 EU Recommendations on the

establishment of the European Credit system for VET. The project works in particular to realise an European area for Lifelong Learning in the Tourism & Catering sector.

The main output of the activities is the implementation and testing of the ECVET model for the sector, which is heavily needed all over Europe. The whole activities are implemented by regarding a strong European perspective which are reflected in all project outputs and results. The project aims to increase the knowledge of ECVET and its technical specifications and ensuring that the added value of ECVET is understood and perceived all over Europe.

The European added value of the project is also supporting all EU partners in identifying and agreeing on mobility phases and contents. It aims to provide guidelines to them to enter into a more in-depth dialogue and to be an instrument for quality assurance and quality improvement. The results are high quality mobility projects with better chances for recognition and transferability of learning outcomes.

of agreement, rules and methods for the application of the ECVET system, the ECVET model and tools are shared in individual mobility programmes. Recognition takes the form of award of a full unit or part of a unit which are part of the full qualification. The unit (or part of the unit) is assessed abroad and validated and recognized upon return with the support of the local competent bodies involved as associated partners.

5. Test implementation of the

ECVET model: workshops/ peer learning activities.

A set of two workshops/ peer learning activities per partner country are scheduled in order to meet the needs of the stakeholders and VET practitioners involved and then support and guide them through the process of applying ECVET.

6. Blended learning scheme for hosting companies’ mentors

Large parts of vocational

training in the Tourism and Catering sector take place within companies and service providers. However, these organisations are not classical training organisations and thus mentors within them have no enough experiences with competent application of European instruments for transparency (EQF, ECVET, Europass). A blended training scheme is planned to support and guide them through the process of applying ECVET and raise quality in mobility programmes.



PROJECT TARGET GROUPS

There are several target groups this project aims to reach:

- ❖ Technical and vocational tourism and catering schools
- ❖ Universities offering VET courses in tourism and catering
- ❖ Training centres and VET providers in tourism and catering
- ❖ Enterprises in tourism and catering
- ❖ Political decision makers on European, national, regional and local level
- ❖ Public and private institutions and authorities responsible for the design, administration and award of vocational qualifications
- ❖ Chambers of commerce and enterprises, trade unions and any other stakeholders
- ❖ Trainees attending tourism and catering VET programmes involved in transnational mobility
- ❖ Hosting companies' mentors
- ❖ Pedagogical staff/experts of all institutions involved in the project

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