

HansaECVET - testing ECVET in practice in the Baltic Sea Region

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Project Information

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Marketing Text: HansaECVET was the 5th project in a group of initiatives contributing, in different ways and in different geographical areas to a new start for a closer cooperation within the Baltic Sea Region (BSR), for both VET providers and companies. In 4 previous projects new methods have been developed where VET providers;

- upgrade their capacity for finding on-the-job places abroad and

- strengthen the function that supports students and mentors at the host companies.

The method is named the "HansaVET-model of journeyman travel". Next step was to put the model into a frame, HansaECVET and in a network for further development of a common market for VET in the BSR supporting the EU Strategy for the BSR. ECVET has been tested in practice in a test model with 16 VET providers and 16 host-companies from the 8 member states in BSR. The result has been built into the Baltic Network for Vocational Training, supporting internationalisation.

Summary: The global economy is a reality. The educational systems need to prepare our children for the global economy, for a life where international relations, professional as well as private are more a rule rather than an exception.

Graduates from VET educations are no exceptions. They need to be prepared for an international labour market as well as for own business activities yet with partners abroad. VET providers in the Baltic Sea Region (BSR) supply graduates predominantly for local or at maximum, national market. The demand and supply is balanced to varying degree, and the degree of coordination of demand-supply between the schools and the business communities differ, too.

It is through on-the-job training components that the VET students get access to businesses. An on-the-job practice that is limited in scope, e.g. apprenticeship in carpentry, is an invaluable resource for making a good carpenter (good vocational effect). However, the limited scope does not allow the apprentice to acquire or train the skills that could widen his horizons and make him see new opportunities to gear up his vocation, e.g. through an own start-up or to go abroad for job. Delimiting on-the-job practice to only vocational components leads to that the student remains "local" in his mindset which makes his participation in the common market next to impossible (insufficient developmental and market effects).

HansaECVET contributed to the market integration in the BSR. Through vocational and business mobility, VET students equipped with relevant knowledge and skills, accessed a much wider range of working places. This led to deeper value chain integration and people-to-people contacts.

Being a source of vocational education, VET providers are becoming increasingly important in assisting the students in accessing the widening marketplace. By doing so they also strengthen connections between VET and business communities, which is an espoused aim in every country of the region.

HansaECVET was the 5th in a group of projects contributing, in different ways and in different geographical areas to a new start for a closer cooperation within BSR, for both VET providers and companies. In this project ECVET has been tested in practice in a test model with 16 VET providers and 16 host-companies from the 8 EU countries in BSR. The test model was built on results from 3 INTERREG projects and 1 LdV TOI project. The partnership was covering competences in both upper secondary as well as post secondary VET. Two of the partners have been involved in the other 4 projects.

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Description: ECVET is tested in practice in the eight member states (MS) in the Baltic Sea Region, the first macro-region within the EU (EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region). The selected 16 VET providers, representing different professions were matched in pairs with VET providers offering similar professions in another MS. The obligatory in-company training was carried out in the other country, based on ECVET principles. VET providers as well as their hosting companies participated in the HansaECVET project. In the first workshop VET providers and companies signed Memorandum of Understanding, identified units of learning outcomes and clarified validation and recognition. The workshop was followed by a seminar where the participants were trained to use the "HansaVET-model of Journeyman Travel". Afterwards the mobilities were implemented, one participant from each VET-provider. In the 2nd workshop following the finalised mobilities, VET providers and companies evaluated the mobilities and the use of ECVET. At the workshop they also planned next step, further cooperation in existing pairs or expanded to others in the group of participants. The project was finalised with a conference where the participating VET providers and companies met with some of the students as well as with policy makers for a discussion on internationalisation of VET within the BSR. The Baltic Network for Vocational Training is now the platform for further development and an integrated part of the flagship, Baltic Training Programme within the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region.

Themes: *** Utilization and distribution of results
*** Labor market
*** Intercultural learning
*** Sustainability
*** Higher education
*** Recognition, transparency, certification
*** Enterprise, SME
*** Continuous training
*** Initial training
** Language training

Sectors: *** Education
* Administrative and Support Service Activities
* Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and Motorcycles
* Manufacturing
* Accommodation and Food Service Activities
* Other Service Activities
* Information and Communication
* Arts, Entertainment and Recreation

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distribution methods
transparency and certification
website
program or curricula
teaching material

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