

## Newsletter issue 3

CONVET - ECVET for recognition of qualifications in construction sector

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### 3rd Transnational Meeting

Project CONVET had its third meeting in Athens. It took place on 16 and 17 of April. Right after the opening of the meeting, partners had the opportunity to learn of a new partner joining the consortium. Oake Associates was replaced in their duties by TCC, an organization which is also based in UK. One of the partners, SeaTeach was not able to participate in person, so they joined the meeting via a Skype call.



The first on the agenda were the effects of work on the Work Package 3. The main problem that appeared was a significant fragmentation of learning outcomes, especially on the second level of qualification.

Discussion then moved on to the Work Package 4. The data collected was substantial, as partners

jointly agreed, though people who are not familiar with IT related subjects had problems following as the presentation of data could be more accessible to general public. Use of everyday language could be used and tested for usability.

Work Package 5, where testing takes place, was the next point of the meeting. Questionnaires were reviewed and updated, target groups were identified and the dates for testing selected.

That exhausted the agenda for the meeting's first day. The beginning of the second day of the meeting was devoted to management issues like budget and shifting allocations.



The dissemination of the project is within the activities of Work Package 7. Conclusions were



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simple - the activity of partners in the social media was insufficient, so everyone jointly agreed to increase the presence in the social media. The partners also planned the content of this newsletter and the program of the seminars, which will take place in the coming months.



The final item on the agenda led to a discussion on the final project conference in Valencia, partners prepared the list of required equipment and preliminary preparations in weeks before the event.

We kindly invite you to join us in Valencia, on 24-26 November 2015, for the final conference of CONVET project.

Follow our [Facebook](#), [Tumblr](#) and [LinkedIn](#) pages for more information on the details closer to the event date.

## ECVET and Educational Mobility

Educational mobility has been around for a long time. With the ascension of Erasmus programme, such possibility was given to young adults studying at colleges and universities. They can easily complete a semester, or a year, of education in another country. That is thanks to the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS). ECVET system is striving to become the standard for transfer of vocational qualifications for people who want to learn and take part in internships outside their home country with the use of a similar transfer system.

Without ECVET, a student in a vocational programme needs to overcome multiple hurdles if they want to go abroad for an internship. If they want to move with their life to another country while learning to obtain a qualification, they would need to start their education from square one. That is stressful, time-consuming and discouraging. Going through the same courses again is not very appealing, that's why ECVET allows for recognition

and transfer of achievements gained in another country. Adoption of the system is still in progress and the progress is different depending on a country and a sector of industry.



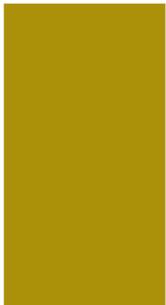
The challenge, in this case, is to develop a uniform set of clearly defined learning outcomes and convince educational institutions and bodies responsible for qualifications recognition to adopt them as a standard, universal qualification framework.

With such solution in place ECVET can contribute to the idea of Lifelong Learning, by making vocational education more attractive and encourage people to

develop by opening the door to obtaining qualification in different cultures and languages.



CONVET tries to address this issue in relation to construction industry with main focus on the qualifications that are a part of professions of a concrete worker, plumber, painter and electrician. The partnership is working on uniform learning outcomes that would enable increased learners mobility and encourage them to achieve their qualifications in more than one educational institution.



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