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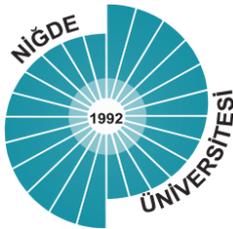
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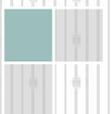
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E-Portfolio System as a Source for  
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# Newsletter 1





E-Portfolio Project is a Transfer of Innovation project funded by European Commission under the Life Long Learning Programme. Partner institutions from five EU countries (TR, PT, PL, ES, HU) are responsible for the development of the project. The Project is to respond to the clear need in Europe in general and the project partners' countries to strengthen students' and graduates' skills to interact with considerable proportion of the future skilled workforce.

## E-Portfolio System as a Source for Employment of Prospective VET Graduates

### Transfer of Innovation Lifelong Learning Programme



E-Portfolio Project started in November 2013 and will be developed up to October 2015. The Project originated and transferred from two different projects:

- "New Methods of Evaluating Students' Performing in Vocational Training System" Szamalk – Hungary
- "E-portfolio on Vocational Education and Training" – Firat University, Turkey

We have chosen "New Methods of Evaluating Students' Performing in Vocational Training System" and "Eportfolio processes in Vocational Education and Training" since they were successfully achieved, developed, tested and used by the experienced and expert partners from different EU countries.

The Project, idealized and coordinated by Çetin İLİN, aims to respond to the clear need in Europe

in general and the project partners' countries in particular to strengthen students' and graduates' skills to interact with a considerable proportion of the future skilled workforce.

Partnership in the project has a multiple character including three universities (Çukurova University, Firat University, Nigde University), two vocational training organizations (Hungary, Spain), and three SMEs (Turkey, Poland, Portugal). By considering "Encouragement of cooperation between VET and the world of work" stated in call for proposals, the partners have strong background and experiences in web based applications and portfolio design in vocational education.

The participant institutions and countries are:

Çukurova University, **TURKEY** (the coordinating institution); Szamalk Szalezi Szakközépiskola, **HUNGARY**; Sea Teach, **SPAIN**; Firat University, **TURKEY**; APLOAD Evaluation and Social Planning, **PORTUGAL**; AvivaPoland, **POLAND**; Nigde University, **TURKEY**; Dalya Agency, **TURKEY**.

The partners promote common meetings in order to discuss the Project and to pay clear attention to the ongoing achievements and followed pathways.

In this e- Portfolio Newsletter we provide a special focus on the Turkish Partner, Çukurova University who has been the first host for the Project meetings.

The participants met at Çukurova University in Adana, Turkey in November 2013.



## Çukurova University

### Adana Vocational School of Higher Education

Being the biggest Vocational School of Higher Education of Çukurova University, Adana Vocational School of Higher Education, in Beyazevler Campus, serves about 6000 students in 15 departments of both formal and distance education.

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## Çukurova University

Çukurova University Balcali Campus is situated on 20000 decars of beautiful land on the eastern coast of Seyhan dam lake. The University only 10 km away from the city centre is a major one in our country with its modern infrastructure and facilities. It is in the top 5 universities in Turkey and 500 in the world. The university has 15 faculties, 5 Schools of Higher Education, 13 Vocational Schools of Higher Education, 1 State Conservatory, 3 Institutes and 25 Research and Application Centres. 1900 teaching Staff offers education to about 44000 students.

The university campus has a major university hospital, a medico-social unit, guest houses, sports halls and pitches, dwelling houses, recreational facilities, a kindergarten, a shopping centre, cafes, cafeterias, canteens,

a post-office, banks, a printing house and a central library with 12000 m<sup>2</sup> of indoor area for 800 readers.

Being the biggest Vocational School of Higher Education of Çukurova University, Adana Vocational School of Higher Education, in Beyazevler Campus, serves about 6000 students in 15 departments of both formal and distance education. It aims to educate well-trained and talented staff in that country needed branches; the interface between engineers and technicians to meet the need for manpower and professional staff, modern and high quality. In the organisation, whose education and training periods lasts for two years, students graduate with the title of technician and professional staff. It promotes training in the departments of Computer Technologies, Electronics

and Automation, Electrics and Energy, Audio-Visual Techniques and Media Production, Nursing and Care Services, Construction, Accounting and Tax, Hair Care and Beauty, Machine and Metal Technologies, Tourism and Entertainment, Material Processing and Material, Motor Vehicles and Automotive, Travel, Textile-Clothing - Shoes and Leather, Food Processing and Wholesale and Retail Departments as formal education and also in the departments of Computer Technologies, Accounting and Tax Applications, Child Development, and Electrical Communication as distance education.





## Necessities of the Project

Portfolio can be evaluated as one of new viewpoints. While education medium is enriched (in regards of technologies such as computer, internet etc.) for improvement of the quality of vocational and technical education in Europe, pedagogic aspect must be also consolidated.

E-Portfolio project is going to serve "Encouragement of cooperation between VET and the world of work (LEO-TraInno-7)", which is an aforementioned in LDV 2013 proposal call. It is proposed to contribute on the development of the application of vocational education quality with learning materials for the teaching of e-portfolio process utilization in the vocational education, e-portfolio which can be used as a framework and e-portfolio process designs for example occupation areas, which are the basic products of the project.

At the end of project, there will be an e-portfolio system which both the employers and target group will benefit and this will be as the employment source for the people who seek decent jobs in their lives. And also this environment will meet the needs of the organization and will have positive impact on people. Project will last for 24 months. Four partners from four EU countries (Hungary, Spain, Portugal, Poland) and four partners in Turkey are quite experienced and have close contacts with SMEs.

Tangible outcomes of this project will be the CDs, handbooks and personal records. Intangible outcomes of this project will be the source modules and developed environment offering communication networking, knowledge sharing and managing platform according to the special needs of SMEs.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting in Brief



The 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting (Kickoff) of the Partnership took place in Adana, Turkey, in late November.

The participants were given brief information about the details, the necessities and the objectives of e-Portfolio Project, emphasizing the budget. They were also explained the importance of the project for employment of VET graduates and the importance of EU projects prepared by universities and given some advice for completing TOI projects successfully explaining Financial Rules of the Programme in general. The presentation the partners had in the meeting was very clear and all the partners were aware of e.g. what percentage to spend on

subcontracting at most and what declarations they had to fill in and collect.

Before getting back to their home countries with a great amount of work to do by using e-portfolio practices, the partners had the chance to taste the globally famous Turkish coffee! In fact, cultural exchanges, an important added value of the European Projects, could also be considered an interesting point of the meeting, namely on which concerns getting to know some of the most significant aspects of Turkish lifestyle. The foreign partners had the chance to taste wonderful traditional food and visit the beautiful Mosque of Adana.

## E-Portfolio Partners



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