



preparation and submission of the Interim Progress & Financial Report to the LdV National Agency, IKY.

INNO-CAREER

We are pleased to share with you the 2nd newsletter of the INNO CAREER project. The main object of the project is to develop, through the adaptation of existing innovative approaches – methods, a pilot continuous training program closely connected to the needs of the working life that will support the further professional development and will upgrade the skills of career guidance counsellors.

2nd MANAGERIAL MEETING

The 2nd Managerial Meeting of the project was held in Prague, Czech Republic, on 2nd October 2014. The meeting was attended by representatives of all five partners (EOPPEP, EURICON, USRV, NVF, INEK PEO) and of the external evaluator of the project (KYPRIANIDES, NIKOLAOU & ASSOCIATES).

The purpose of this event was double. On the one side to discuss issues concerning the preparation of the interim progress and financial report, which had a deadline of 30-10-2014 and on the other to review the outputs and the products of the project so far and to discuss about the future activities and deadlines within which they should be completed.

At the beginning of the meeting, representatives of EOPPEP and EURICON gave guidelines for the



Afterwards, all partners presented the activities that they were involved in.

INEK PEO presented the Final Research Report of the WP2 “Identification, evaluation and selection of the most appropriate existing innovative training systems and methods of career guidance counsellors” which contains important conclusions from three surveys: two field surveys for the collection and comparative study of existing continuous training programs and occupational profiles – national certification procedures of career guidance counsellors in the partner and other European countries and a training needs research amongst career guidance counsellors in partner countries.

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EOPPEP presented the “Common occupational profile & standards for career guidance counsellors” and NVF presented the contents of the deliverables “Training course”, “Training materials” and “Training Guide”.

USRV presented the contents of the “Accreditation Procedures Guide”, containing the methodologies, the procedures, and tools for the accreditation of the qualification acquired through the participation to the career guidance training programme.



2nd WORKSHOP

The 2nd Workshop of the INNO-CAREER project was hosted in Prague, on 3rd October 2014. Representatives of the five partners, the external evaluator of the project and career guidance stakeholders of the public and private sector (free lancers, representatives of public authorities etc) were involved in the Workshop.



Finally, all partners approved the updated task distribution and the time schedule of products after a short discussion. The next (3rd) Managerial Meeting was agreed to take place in Venice, Italy in coming April.

The workshop started with an overall presentation of the project by EURICON. Afterwards responsible partners presented the findings of the three surveys which constituted the base for the development of the training course. In particular INEK PEO introduced the main findings of the career guidance counsellors

training needs research and explained their connection with the training course. NVF presented the findings of the research for continuous training programs for career guidance counsellors and EOPPEP introduced the main findings of the research for career guidance counsellor's occupational profiles across the partner and other European countries. Finally, EOPPEP gave information about the contents of the six modules comprising the training course and presented a short description of two of them:

- Development of career management skills (CMS) of individuals
- Quality assurance issues in career guidance

NVF presented the contents of the "Training Course", "Training Materials" and "Training Guide". All these products were discussed by partners.

Career guidance stakeholders expressed their keen interest for the project and made specific remarks and proposals for the improvement of both the training methodologies and the contents of the training materials.



INNO-CAREER FOLLOW-UP

Since the beginning of the project to date several activities have been completed. In particular two field surveys for the collection of continuous training programs and occupational profiles – standards for career guidance counsellors and a training needs e-research have led to important conclusions concerning:



- the characteristics of the continuous training programmes in partner and other EU countries
- the activities, job-tasks, professional qualifications and new challenges for career guidance counsellors in Europe
- the areas of knowledge – skills – and abilities of career guidance counsellors that need to be improved
- the requested thematic training and related activities to upgrade the skills of career guidance counsellors.

The “Common European Occupational Profile for Career Guidance Counsellors”, the “Description of the training programme (Training Course)” and the “Accreditation Procedures Guide” have also been completed.

Based on the above conclusions partners have decided on a specific structure for the training course titled **“GUIDANCE 2020: Modern elements of Lifelong Guidance & Employability- New emerging skills for career guidance practitioners”**. The course will be constituted of the following six modules:

- ❖ Development of Career Management Skills (CMS) of individuals
- ❖ Recognition of non formal and informal learning
- ❖ Quality assurance issues in career guidance
- ❖ Welcome services for migrants
- ❖ Career Guidance for Mobility
- ❖ Career guidance in connection with the labor market

So far training textbooks for all six modules have been completed in English and are about to be translated in all partner countries. Partners decided that parts of the textbooks will take interactive form (e.g. electronic quizzes, interactive exercises – tasks etc.) and that they will be uploaded to the e-training platform of the Inno-career web site. The “Training Guide” has also been delivered in English. As far as, the creation of a career guidance network in partner countries, the “Network Specifications Guide” has been delivered.

Other activities implemented so far is the “Dissemination Plan” of the project, the project’s web site translated in all partner languages and updated regularly and mailing lists in all partner countries.

We are looking forward to our next activities. Until then, please visit our website www.inno-career.eu