

Newsletter 1.

The Valid Aid + project has just begun...

...from October 2013 and expected to end in October 2015.

The project **ValidAid+** -namely, “*Validating competences gained at the workplace in case of low qualified people*” -will be developed in close cooperation of the project consortium of 6 organisations from 5 different countries of the EU - **Bulgaria, Greece, Hungary, Italy and Spain.**

The project has been funded with support from the European Commission.

The project aims to research the situation of validation of informal and non-formal education training in the partners’ countries and to develop a working instrument in this direction of 3 chosen sector - **TRADE, ADMINISTRATION and HOSPITALITY** - with special attention to the real needs of the vulnerable target group.

The main target group of the project are the low-qualified employees, who have not completed upper secondary education. On the other hand beneficiaries of the project product besides employees are also the employers, training organisations, national bodies in the targeted sectors, professional chambers, trade unions, certification institutions, consulting organisations, Governmental and non-governmental organizations, and all other interested parties:

During ValidAid+ the partnership will develop methods and tools for identifying and validating competences in the workplace and opening gateways to education and training to make it easier for low qualified individuals to develop their competences, and by that secure their position on the labour market.

To reach the set aims the project will follow the steps, listed below:

- **Knowledge transfer** – all of the partner countries make a research on the current situation - the review of the legal framework, the available standards and the applicable methods in the partner countries
- **Focus group interviews** – based upon the knowledge transfer an interview will be organised in each countries. This will be the first phase of the project when consortium will involve the target group: people with low qualification, employers, VET centres, career guidance centres, stakeholders.
- **Creation of Validation Kit** – Validation Kit will include several documents – Standards, Methods and Tools for recognition competences, Interactive test for low qualified employees training programme for assessors and advisors and guideline for enterprises. Validation Kit is a great material for the project target group to measure the competences of low qualified people and it is also a useful help for employers to assess their employees competences.
- **Pilot testing** – the second phase where target group will be involved to the project. It is a very important session this is the process of testing the Validation Kit developed by the project consortium. Based to the results and the feedbacks from pilot testing partners will finalise the Validation Kit.
- **Disseminate the project outcomes to the general public** – an official Valorisation Conference will be organised expectedly in 09/2015.

If you are interested in this project and you wish to have more information of the different steps of the project, please contact us on the following addresses:

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FEEDBACK sheet

This project follows a strategy to involve end-users, stakeholders and all interested parties in the project from the very beginning. By giving us feedback you will help us to improve the products of **ValidAid+** and provide a material tailored at the needs of the target sectors and labour market.

Please share your opinion with us and send back this sheet to one of the following addresses:

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1. Where have you heard about this project?

- I found it on Facebook
- A friend told me about it
- A job agent suggested me
- I saw a leaflet from this project
- I found it on the internet
- Other:.....

2. What is your first impression of ValidAid+?

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3. Are you interested in the project?

- Yes, I would like to have regular information of the project but that's all.
- It could be interesting, but that information is enough for the moment.
- No, not really.
- Yes, it sounds interesting and I would like to participate in the professional forums.

4. My suggestions for the project implementation and for the consortium:

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