

Newsletter 2.

ValidAid+ project in a full swing

In the past period a lot of improvement was done by the project partners.

After the 1st project meeting in Athens 11/2013, partners made a **Knowledge Transfer** to get an overall view of the current situation of validation of competences acquired at the workplace. They investigated national specifications in the validation process in each partner country, focusing on the legal background, the available methods, tools and good practices, and also they found the direct channels for the target group and stakeholders in the 3 chosen sectors: Trade, Administration and Hospitality.

Partners created a standard interview questionnaire and a guideline for the **Focus Group Interviews** that was organised in every partner countries in 5/2014, with the cooperative participation of low-qualified employees, employers from the 3 sectors, trainers from VET centres and educational organisations, consultants and representatives from trade unions and agencies.

At the 2nd project meeting was in Bilbao in 06/2014, partners shared the experiences, suggestions, professional answers and advices of the Focus Group Interviews. The outcome was pretty various in the partner countries, so partners due to the differences between the typical attributes of the nations decide that one part of the interactive test will be subjective regarding to the national specifications. Every partner will create some own questions in the test due to the subjective result of the focus group interviews.

But despite the several differences between the partner countries one specific job position was mentioned for every sector. At the **HOSPITALITY** the chosen job position was **CHAMBERMAID**, at the **TRADE** sector partners highlighted the **CASHIER** and at the **ADMINISTRATION** sector the targeted job position was the **ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**.

The website of ValidAid+ project is already available: www.validaidplus.eu

Where you can find some more information of the project, you can follow the latest progress in the implementation, you can read the project Bulletins, watch the photo gallery and get further information of the partners and soon, the ValidAid+ Kit will be also available!!!

It will contain the following parts:

- **Standards** for recognition of competences ->Methodology for conducting task groups to validate standards
- **Interactive Test** for low qualified employees ->Methodology for conducting the Interactive test
- **Methods and Tools** for recognition of competences in Validation process
- **Training Programme** for Assessors and/or Advisors
- **Guidelines** for enterprises

In the past period a lot of really important decisions were made what give the main path and milestones of the project..... *What is next?*

Well it will be a very exciting session:

Creating the INTERACTIVE TEST and PILOT TESTING of the ValidAid+Kit

Help us to improve the project product and join the Pilot testing in your country in expectedly 05/2015.

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 outcomes 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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Greece eede@eede.gr

Hungary oktatas@ecocenter.hu

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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. Do you want to participate at the Pilot testing of the ValidAid+ Kit?

- YES
- NO

If yes, please write your e-mail address:.....

If no, please tell us why.....

3. Do you think that ValidAid+ project is interesting/useful?

- Yes, in my opinion it is very interesting/useful.
- Yes, it is interesting, but is useful only for the target group
- No, not really.

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

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5. Do you wish to receive the finalised Validation Kit on a CD?

- YES
- NO

If yes, please write your e-mail address:.....