



VITA

Virtual Interior Textile Academy

■ Initial position for the project:

The textile business must be flexible, innovative and creative in order to meet the demands of ever faster changing markets. The required knowledge in the vertical chain (textile industry - textile trade - craft) can only be provided with the help of modern information and communication technologies. The key to this is increasing the quality of the vocational training in the textile business so that new abilities and competence are developed.

■ Objective of the project:

The aim of this project VITA is the development of the e-learning platform **Virtual Interior Textile Academy**. For this didactical concepts are being developed, different European partners are creating sample learning modules, the platform is being tested in practice and optimised.

Seven different work packages are defined to reach the objective:

1. Compiling a booklet of technical duties
2. Bringing learning contents into line with each other
3. Internet-didactic
4. Creating learning modules
5. Linking the modules
6. Field tests
7. Distributing the results



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■ Target Group:

Primary target groups are the industry, the retail trade and the handicraft of the interior textiles industry. On the one hand an increase in the quality of the textile vocational training should be achieved and on the other hand the chance to receive advanced training on a European level should be provided, either solely as an internet training course or as a combination of internet and attending classes.

Target groups are thus also European schools for vocational training and courses as well as all educational institutions in the EU for interior textiles. If required the issue of national or regional distinctions can be separately addressed by the learning contents of the **Virtual Interior Textile Academy**.

■ The VITA platform:

The developed e-learning platform **Virtual Interior Textile Academy** will be a scalable, multilingual online-user platform with a standardised interface for the development of learning modules (web based training). It will be integrated as a fixed component into vocational training and advanced training (e. g. by means of certified training courses) and it will include extensive contents in form of learning modules and tests. Learning contents and learning processes will be adapted into a multimedia virtual world (text, graphics, animation, interactive elements). The didactics of the new learning medium internet will be considered here as well as providing reference documents for teachers, trainers and those who offer training courses. Also information, explanations and advice about learning processes and their billing, budgeting and co-ordination will be given on this platform.



learning module view

Further important qualities of this virtual learning medium are interactive e-learning coaching, advanced learning up to a standard of certified exams and methods of self-evaluation. In addition to that the **Virtual Interior Textile Academy** is orientated towards target groups and thus equalises disadvantages of certain groups such as low-qualified or unemployed people or women after their child bearing years. The contents are drawn up as integrated learning concepts which can either be used solely as internet training courses or in a combination of internet and attending learning classes.

■ The project team:

The platform is supported by a strong association of co-operating partners with best practice know-how and it is open to those who offer as well as to those who require education. Their services will be offered by means of internet learning modules. The already existing resource will be optimised in a communicative and co-operative association for the development of the intended new learning concepts and for innovation.

- Euralab Limited (UK)
- EURATEX (BE)
- Europeen Carpet Association (BE)
- Febeltex (BE)
- Interessengemeinschaft der Deutschen Heimtextilien-Industrie e.V. (D)
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- reflect AG (D)
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- Textiles & Flooring Institute (D)
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