

QVETIS-Training in Quality: VET and Enterprises is a project aimed at improving the Vocational Training System by the development of Quality standards within the management processes of centres involved.

With the support of the Lifelong Learning Programme, QVETIS is being developed in 6 European countries by the involvement of 7 organizations: Fundación Metal Asturias and Balear de Desarrollo y Formación (from Spain), GAB-Munich (Germany), European Center for Quality (Bulgaria), PIA-Velenje (Slovenia), Vytautas Magnus University (Lithuania) and Regional Development Agency Senec-Pezinok (Slovakia). In Spain, also, the Public Service of Employment from the Govern of the Principality of Asturias acts as a collaborating partner whilst the General Directorate for Active Policies, Occupation and Training from the Govern of the Balearic Islands is a silent partner.

Focused on the design and implementation of a Quality Management System for Continuous Vocational Training Centres, QVETIS started running in July, 1st 2008 with an initial duration of 16 months.

The first meeting was celebrated in Spain, hosted in the headquarters that Fundación Metal Asturias, partner-promoter in the project, has located in Gijón, Asturias.

The partnership devoted 2 days (6th-7th of November, 2008) to reorganized the activities initially envisaged for 24 into 16 months of project's life, presenting therefore a new schedule for meeting the expected results.

Likewise, the rules for administrative and financial management were dealt for establishing common proceedings among partners to guarantee the proper development of the project according to eligibility criteria of its expenses.



The meeting count also on the presentation of the Project "VET Quality Management System" by Balear de Desarrollo y Formación-BDF, of which QVETIS is transferred from. Due to its nature of "transfer of innovation", there was a need to present the results and tools of the previous project to be adjusted, implemented, disseminated and valorised within QVETIS.

Once the kickoff meeting took place 4 months after the beginning of the project, it was taken advantage of the gathering to present the activities already done. Thus, the comparative study in Continuing Training in Europe was introduced as a preliminary document, along with the training designs and the first attempts of their didactic materials. Likewise, a draft document of the Quality Management System was explained for further implementation.

Along with this, the material designed by Fundación Metal Asturias in order to emphasize the dissemination activities was presented, counting on leaflets, folders, propelling-pencils and rule-calendars to be distributed among partners in their regions.



Discussion about the design and development of the website was dealt as well, identifying the requirements and objectives to follow.



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On occasion of the meeting, QVETIS was officially presented, with attendance of the Mass Media (TV, radio and newspapers), by the Managing-Director of Fundación Metal Asturias, Mrs. Pilar Suarez, along with representatives of the Govern of the Principality of Asturias, as collaborating partner.

By pointing out the importance of Quality in the development and management of training activities, QVETIS was defined in terms of its general aim, objectives, target-users, workpackages and expected results.