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Modelling of the regional networks of vocational education and training in Lithuania LITVETNET

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Project Information

Title:	Modelling of the regional networks of vocational education and training in Lithuania LITVETNET
Project Number:	LLP-LdV-TOI-2007-LT-0003
Year:	2007
Project Type:	Transfer of Innovation
Status:	granted
Country:	LT-Lithuania
Marketing Text:	Project aims to create the guidelines for the designing and implementation of the regional cooperation networks of vocational training in Lithuania referring to the experience of regional VET partnerships from France, Germany and the Netherlands.
Summary:	
Description:	
Themes:	** Labor market ** Quality ** Enterprise, SME * Social dialog * Continuous training * Initial training
Sectors:	** Professional, Scientific and Technical Activities * Education
Product Types:	website program or curricula others
Product information:	1. Research of the current situation of the regional social partnership in VET in Lithuania. This study, which was made by the Centre for Vocational Education and Research at Vytautas Magnus University (further indicated as VMU) (P1) includes the overview of the historical development of VET and cooperation between VET stakeholders and its impact to the current situation of the regional VET partnerships, as well as the analysis of the legal basis of the social partnership in VET, the overview of currently existing forms and types of partnerships and cooperation between the stakeholders of VET (regional VET councils, cooperation networks developed by the regional VET centres, sectoral VET centres for practical training etc.), evaluated possibilities provided by the social partnership in VET in solving the most pertinent and important questions related to VET quality, increase of the employability of VET schools leavers, economical and social development of regions. 2. Analysis of the cases of the cooperation and partnership between regional VET stakeholders in Germany, France and in the Netherlands. ITB University of Bremen (P2) analysed the case of cooperation between employers and VET schools in the organization of practical training in the dual VET system of Germany, BETA (P3) researched the case of cooperation of stakeholders in the field of accreditation of competences acquired through the informal and non-formal learning in the regions of France, Talentis (P5) presented the case of the ccoperation between the regional VET centres (ROC) and social stakeholders in the provision of initial and continuing vocational education and training in the Netherlands. There was evaluated the context of historical development of the each selected case, were defined the main mechanisms of trust and cooperation between stakeholders, as well as described the influence of cooperation to the vocational education. This study proposed the experiences, which can be interesting and useful for the designing and development of the regional VET partnerships and networks in Lithuania. 3. Comparative analysis of the regional social partnerhips in VET in Germany, France and the Netherlands. This analysis was executed by Toulouse Business school (P4) together with the VMU (P1) and was based on the comparison of regional VET cooperation cases proposed by the partners referring to the findings and theories of the other researches of social partnership and VET. This study critically evaluates the proposed experiences and potential possibilities of their implementation. It became important source and basis for the „Guidelines for Implementation and Development

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of Regional VET Cooperation Networks in Lithuania“.
4. Guidelines for Implementation and Development of Regional VET Cooperation Networks in Lithuania. It is the main product of the project, which synthesizes the results of executed research and provides the guidelines and reccomendations for the development of the regional social partnership in VET in Lithuania. Guidelines provide the methodological backgrounds of the establishment and development of the regional VET partnerships, discuss political and legal background for the design and development of regional VET partnerships, present the cases of this field from France, Germany and the Netherlands and discuss their applicability in design of regional VET partnerships in Lithuania. Guidelines also propose the draft model of regional VET partnerships in Lithuania. These guidelines are designed for VET schools, employers and their organizations, trade unions, regional and municipal administrations and other stakeholders. They are printed in Lithuanian and English languages (500 units), translations in Dutch and French are available for downloading on the website of project.
5. Article „Historical development of VET in Lithuania and its influence to the design and implementation of the regional VET partnerships in Lithuania“ published in the journal „Vocational Training: Researches and Reality“ No. 2008/16 (ISSN 1392-6241) (in English). This article is designed for the international audience of VET researchers interested in the problems of VET research and it presents the findings of the project research of historical development of VET in Lithuania and its influence to the design and implementation of the regional VET partnerships.
6. 2 symposia in the international conferences ECER organised by the European Educational Research Association, which took place in Gothenburg (Sweden) in 2008 and in Vienna (Austria) in 2009. These symposia were designed for the presentation and dissemination of the results of researches of the project. At the first symposium in 2008 on the ECER conference in Gothenburg there was presented the research of the current situation of the regional social partnership in VET in Lithuania and the case studies of the cooperation and partnership between regional VET stakeholders in Germany, France and in the Netherlands. At the second symposium at the ECER conference in Vienna in 2009 there were presented the prepared guidelines and discussed the possibilities of establishment and development of the regional VET partnerships and networks in Lithuania and other Central and Eastern European countries by applying the lessons from the experiences of the Western European countries in this field (especially expertiences of Germany, France and the Netherlands). Symposiums involved participation of the VET reasearchers, VET policy makers and executors from the different European countries. These events attracted a big interest of the respresentatives of the Central and Eastern European countries.
7. There were organised 10 training seminars in the all centres of the counties (regions) of Lithuania. These seminars were organised in August-October of 2009. There participated different regional VET stakeholders of the counties: VET schools, colleges, labour market training centres, employers organisations, regional and municipal administrations, trade unions. In these training seminars, held according to specially prepared curriculum, there were presented the main results of researches. After the seminars there were organised discussions, where the participants of seminars disscussed the main VET development problems in the regions related to the cooperation between VET schools, employers, trade unions and regional authorities. Participants of discussions also evaluated the possibilities to use the experiences of foreign countries presented in the Guidelines and to learn from these experiences in developing cooperation between VET stakeholders. As the outcome of these seminars there were prepared political recommendations addressed to the Ministry of Education and Science of Lithuania and to the other institutions which design and implement VET policy in Lithuania.
8. Final conference of the project took place in Kaunas on the 19th of October 2009. There participated the representatives from the Ministry of Education and Science of Lithuania, Methodological Centre of VET, vocational schools, colleges, labour market training centres, Labour Market Training Authority of Lithuania, employers organizations, regional and municipal authorities, trade unions. The presentations were made by the all project partners. There were presented the main outcomes and achievements of the project. The conference included panel discussion, where

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project partners, experts and participants of conference discussed the possibilities and prospects of the devlopment of cooperation between the regional stakeholders in VET.
9. Poject website http://www.vdu.lt/litvetnet, presenting the project activities and results.
10. External evaluation of the project activities and results executed by the organization „Communitas EU Ltd.“ from the UK, working in the different projects of the social partnership and VET development in the UK and on the EU level. There are prepared interim and final reports of external evaluation (in English).

Projecthomepage: http://www.vdu.lt/litvetnet

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Products

1 Study of the research of the current state of partnership and cooperation in the VET in the regions of

2 Report of the comparative analysis of the experience of France, Germany and the Netherlands in the

3 Guidelines for Implementation and Development of Regional VET Cooperation Networks in Lithuania

4 Curriculum for the training of the policy makers and the potential stakeholders of the creation and

5 Reccomendations of the VET stakeholders from the regions of Lithuania to the VET policy makers

Product 'Study of the research of the current state of partnership and cooperation in the VET in the regions of Lithuania'

Title:	Study of the research of the current state of partnership and cooperation in the VET in the regions of Lithuania
Product Type:	others
Marketing Text:	Study was prepared by the Vytautas Magnus University, applying the analysis of research literature and documents (reports of researches, legal acts and laws, strategic documents etc.) and qualitative research – interviews with the VET policy makers, VET schools, representatives of employers and other stakeholders.
Description:	
Target group:	
Result:	
Area of application:	
Homepage:	http://www.vdu.lt/litvetnet
Product Languages:	English

Product 'Report of the comparative analysis of the experience of France, Germany and the Netherlands in the development of the regional co-operation networks in the VET'

Title:	Report of the comparative analysis of the experience of France, Germany and the Netherlands in the development of the regional co-operation networks in the VET
Product Type:	others
Marketing Text:	Methodology of research was prepared by Vytautas Magnus University. Research consisted of two main parts: research of the case studies of the analysis of the experiences of the development of regional VET partnerships in Germany, France and the Netherlands and the comparative analysis of these cases.
Description:	Research report is published on the web-site of the project and is accessible to the target groups as separate product. Referring to the results of this research report and the study R1 there were prepared the „Guidelines for Implementation and Development of Regional VET Cooperation Networks in Lithuania“. in the work-package 3. Results of research were presented in the international conferences and seminars, especially discerning two symposia of the ECER conferences organised in 2008 and in 2009.
Target group:	
Result:	
Area of application:	
Homepage:	http://www.vdu.lt/litvetnet
Product Languages:	English

Product 'Guidelines for Implementation and Development of Regional VET Cooperation Networks in Lithuania'

Title:	Guidelines for Implementation and Development of Regional VET Cooperation Networks in Lithuania
Product Type:	procedure for the analysis and prognosis of the vocational training requirement
Marketing Text:	Guidelines are prepared according to the structure and contents designed by Vytautas Magnus University and Toulouse Business School. Project partners prepared separate chapters of Guidelines, which comprised methodological background of the VET partnerships, political guidelines, discussions of experiences of the foreign countries and analysis of VET partnership patterns
Description:	The Guidelines were extensively presented to the VET stakeholders of Lithuania during the training seminars in the all regions of Lithuania. The international community of VET researchers and policy makers was acquainted with Guidelines in the ECER conference in Vienna in October 2009. Guidelines can also be downloaded from the web-site of the project.
Target group:	
Result:	
Area of application:	
Homepage:	
Product Languages:	Lithuanian

Product 'Curriculum for the training of the policy makers and the potential stakeholders of the creation and development of the regional VET networks in Lithuania'

Title:	Curriculum for the training of the policy makers and the potential stakeholders of the creation and development of the regional VET networks in Lithuania
Product Type:	program or curricula
Marketing Text:	Training curriculum was prepared using the results of the project researches and „Guidelines for Implementation and Development of Regional VET Cooperation Networks in Lithuania“. This currriculum includes training textbook, questions for discussions and evaluation of acquired competences.
Description:	The training curriculum was transferred to the target groups during the training seminars in the all regions of Lithuania. From the seminars there can be concluded, that provided information and project research results are interesting for the VET stakeholders and enhance them to search for the new solutions in designing and development of cooperation in the different fields of VET, neginning from the VET curriculum design, organisation of practical training and ending with the creation of the regional VET development strategies.
Target group:	
Result:	
Area of application:	
Homepage:	
Product Languages:	Lithuanian

Product 'Reccomendations of the VET stakeholders from the regions of Lithuania to the VET policy makers'

Title:	Reccomendations of the VET stakeholders from the regions of Lithuania to the VET policy makers
Product Type:	others
Marketing Text:	Referring to the discussions held in the seminars for the regional VET stakeholders in the counties of Lithuania there were prepared the reccomendations of the VET stakeholders from the regions of Lithuania to the VET policy makers.
Description:	Recommendations were forwarded to the Department of Continuing and Vocational Training of the Ministry of Education and Science and to the Methodological Centre of Vocational Training.
Target group:	
Result:	
Area of application:	
Homepage:	
Product Languages:	Lithuanian

Events

Final conference of the project

Date	19.10.2009
Description	Final conference of the project took place in Kaunas on the 19th of October 2009. There participated the representatives from the Ministry of Education and Science of Lithuania, Methodological Centre of VET, vocational schools, colleges, labour market training centres, Labour Market Training Authority of Lithuania, employers organizations, regional and municipal authorities, trade unions. There were presented the main outcomes and achievements of the project to the wide audience of participants: the representatives from the Ministry of Education and Science of Lithuania, Methodological Centre of VET, vocational schools, colleges, labour market training centres, Labour Market Training Authority of Lithuania, employers organizations, regional and municipal authorities, trade unions. The conference included panel discussion, where project partners, experts and participants of conference discussed the possibilities and prospects of the devlopment of cooperation between the regional stakeholders in VET. Conference participants from the Ministry of Education and Science and the Methodological Centre for Vocational Training recognised, that the project and its results correspond to the needs of the VET development in Lithuania and significantly contributes to the creation of the know-how needed for the development of the social partnership in VET.
Target audience	
Public	Event is open to the public
Contact Information	
Time and place	19th October 2009, Kaunas, Lithuania

Events

Workshop in the international conference of the European Education Research Association ECER, which took place in Vienna (Austria) in October 2009

Date 28.09.2009

Description Workshop in the international conference of the European Education Research Association ECER, which took place in Vienna (Austria) in October 2009. In this workshop there were presented the comparative research of the experiences of regional VET partnerships in Germany, France and the Netherlands, as well as the Guidelines for Implementation and Development of Regional VET Cooperation Networks in Lithuania . This workshop was designed for the presentation of the main results of the project to the international communiuty of VET researchers and policy makers. The main attention of the workshop discussions was given to the applicability of prepared guidelines in the designing and development of the regional VET partnerships in Lithuania and to the possibilities to use these guidelines not only in Lithuania, but also in the other countries, which face the same problems and challenges of VET development like Lithuania. Participants of workshop agreed, that, despite the guidelines concentrate on the specific context and conditions of Lithuania, these guidelines are sufficiently universal and can be useful for the countries which have similar pathway of the institutional development of VET like in Lithuania. For example, the participants from Hungary mentioned, that many of the problems of VET development and cooperation of VET stakeholders, mentioned in the guidelines are present also in Hungary. Therefore guidelines can be applicable for the solution of VET partnership problems also in this country.

Target audience

Public Event is open to the public

Contact Information

Time and place

Events

Symposium in the international conference of the European Education Research Association ECER, which took place in Gothenburg (Sweden) in September 2008

Date 22.09.2008

Description Symposium in the international conference of the European Education Research Association ECER, which took place in Gothenburg (Sweden) in September 2008. In this symposium there was presented the research of the current situation of the regional social partnership in VET in Lithuania and the case studies of the cooperation and partnership between regional VET stakeholders in Germany, France and in the Netherlands.Participants of symposium demonstrated big interest in the project researches and their results. Participants noticed and positively evaluated the fact, that the project, differently from the other projects of similar type, does not seek to ‚copy' or to transfer the experiences of the foreign countries for the development of the partnerships of VET stakeholders in the regions of Lithuania, but instead it enhances to learn from the experiences of other countries in creating original decisions and measures adapted to the Lithuanian context and conditions. Presented project and researches received a very big interest from the participants from the Central and Eastern Europe countries – Hungary, Czech Republic and Estonia, because the problems of social partnership in VET, which are analysed by the project are very similar and important in the all post-communist countries.
The feedback from the symposium discussions was very useful in the preparation of the main product of the project - Guidelines for Implementation and Development of Regional VET Cooperation Networks in Lithuania.

Target audience

Public Event is open to the public

Contact Information

Time and place Gothenburg (Sweden)
September 2008