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EQUIP II (European Education, Competences and Qualifications in Home Care for Older People II)

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Project Information

Title: EQUIP II (European Education, Competences and Qualifications in Home Care for Older People II)

Project Number: 2010-1-FI1-LEO05-03052

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Project Type: Transfer of Innovation

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Country: FI-Finland

Marketing Text: This project was targeted for students, teachers, trainees, practitioners, employers and policy makers who are concerned with care services for older people in their own homes. Students, employers, educators and practitioners will be able to use EQUIP- tool to assess and understand qualifications from other countries. The trainees and students can evaluate their own competence by the Home Care Competence-test.

Summary: The basis of this project was EQUIP -project (2007 – 1971 / 001-001), www.equip-project.com .This partnership of researchers and vocational educators built a set of tools to enable the comparison of qualifications and competences among different EU countries in relation to at-home care of older people. In this project investigations were made about qualifications, competences, working skills, and good home service practices within six countries of the European Union. The research outcomes were translated in two kinds of electronic tools. The first tool is an electronic questionnaire, which when processed tells the users, how their own competences meet the demands of the qualifications in different countries. Their training needs and lacks of competences can be shown and the further training and education plan can be designed with vocational counsellor.

The background to the project lay in the aging population development in Europe. Throughout Europe the number of citizens over 65 years is increasing all the time. Their care will be an important future issue not only for economic reasons but also because of citizens' rights (to make choices about where to live). Nine out of ten people over 75 would like to live in their own home instead of an institution. We will need more students and workers in elderly care. Home care is vital to achieving this. This project contributes to appreciation of home care work and mobility of students, teachers and home care workers.
In Turkey 65 years and higher aged people correspond to 7% of the total population (about 5 million). Life expectancy stands at 71.1 years for men and 75.3 years for women, with an overall average of 73.2 years for the populace as a whole.

Transparency (and accordingly the transferability and compatibility) of professional qualifications are keys to increased mobility of students, teachers and qualified workers in Europe. At the moment, comparison is difficult and the complexity contributes to the near-impossibility of movement of skilled and qualified staff between countries. There is particular difficulty in movement from countries with less regulatory demands to those where the professional qualifications are more precise. Workers from Turkey and Bulgaria move to other countries, f. ex. Finland, for seeking work. This project is targeted for educational providers, practitioners, employers and policy makers who are concerned with care services for older people in their own homes. It will contribute to the ECVET process and help implement the European Framework for qualifications (EQF).

Description: EQUIP II was based on EQUIP-project, www.equip-project.com. The main purpose of this project was to improve transparency and comparability of qualification and competencies across Europe for students and home care workers with older people. The objectives of EQUIP II –project were:
- to disseminate the products and results of EQUIP-project to other European counties
- to establish the use of Home care competence –test in EQUIP-countries.
- to compare home care education and training in different EU countries.
- to increase mobility of students, teachers and home care workers

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- to improve the quality of education of home care services.
- to contribute to appreciation of home care work
- to transfer the EQUIP-Home Care Competence -test to Bulgarian, Greek and Turkish
- The project will assist with the implementation of the EQF and ECVET systems.

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Themes: *** Recognition, transparency, certification
** Lifelong learning
** Open and distance learning
** Vocational guidance
** Continuous training

Sectors: *** Human Health and Social Work Activities
*** Education

Product Types: website
open and distance learning
evaluation methods

Product information: The results of EQUIP II- project are:

1. A Home Care Competence test in new participating countries, in Bulgarian, Greek and Turkish
2. Home care test will be updated in old EQUIP-countries
3. Information about education and qualifications about new Equip II –countries
4. A comparison of qualifications, education and good practices in home care

Projecthomepage: www.equip2.net

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Project Files

BG EQUIP II[1] book BG.pdf

http://www.adam-europe.eu/prj/6818/prj/BG%20EQUIP%20II%5B1%5D%20book%20BG.pdf

Equip2_leaflet_2013[1] test 17.1.13.pdf

http://www.adam-europe.eu/prj/6818/prj/Equip2_leaflet_2013%5B1%5D%20test%2017.1.13.pdf

Equip2_leaflet[newest with logo1].pdf

http://www.adam-europe.eu/prj/6818/prj/Equip2_leaflet%5B%20newest%20with%20logo1%5D.pdf

EQUIPII_book 20131].pdf

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Products

1 Home Care Competence -test

Product 'Home Care Competence -test'

Title: Home Care Competence -test

Product Type: website

Marketing Text: Home Care Competence Test is a self-assesment test for different groups. Home Care Competence Test (an electronic questionnaire) tells the user how their own competences meet the demands of the qualifications in different countries. Their training needs and lacks of competences can be shown and the further education plan can be designed. The test gives feedback and advice. It can be printed out or sent by e-mail for further discussions with vocational and EURES counsellors.

Home Care Competence Test will be transfered to demands of Turkey, Greece and Bulgaria. The test will be available on the internet.

Description: The test and comparisons can be found on www.equip2.net

Target group: For individual students and employees the test will enable the assessment of their own competences showing the needs of training, education and expertise. It will help them to formulate their personal study plan or personal development as a worker in home care.

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For policy makers, the tools are a resource for improve, target, and develop the services for old people and the staff skill, making use of best practice across the EU .The work will make a contribution to European education policy in the fields of EQF, ECVET, Europass and EU service directive
For educators and teachers, the tool will inform their planning implementation and review of professional qualifications and life long learning, in the light of European requirements for best practice.
For practitioners, the tools enable them to compare their qualification with the requirements in an other European country
For employers, the tools enable them to judge the applicability of qualifications from other countries in EU.
For vocational teachers, the test helps to guide the exchange students, who are studying in the country or abroad. The test can help teachers to develop their work and understand home care work in other countries.
For EURES and vocational counsellors, the test is a tool to guide their clients and students. The test visualizes content and competences of home care work and hence increases appreciation of home care work.
The families with parents who need care at home, will have a chance to check the care services as well as care workers for their qualifications and competences.

Result: The results of EQUIP II- project are:

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Area of application:

Homepage: www.equip2.net

Product Languages: English