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This sixth I CARE newsletter mainly focuses on the results of the national workshops organised in Romania, Germany and Italy between November and December last year. Two additional dissemination events will be still organised in January: the national workshop in Poland, and an additional dissemination event which will be held in Rome during a meeting of the national board of Federsolidarietà. In addition to this, a usual you can find an update on on-going activities as well as some news from the ECVET world

Activities in progress ...



The testing phase for four out of the five professional profiles covered by the project (Family Assistant, Care Operator, Socio-Assistance Assistant, and Baby Sitter) were completed in all partner countries (Italy, Germany, Poland, and Romania). The test relating to the Dental Assistant professional profile is being finalised and will be piloted in Italy and Poland at the beginning of February.

The first results obtained through the first testing phase are promising, and the I CARE model showed to be applicable across the participating countries.

Next planned activities focus on:

- ⇒ The preparation of the **report** describing the whole **testing process** and providing the main lessons learnt by partners thanks to the experimentation
- ⇒ The drafting of a set of **recommendations** to be addressed to decision/policy makers
- ⇒ The production of the **final I CARE results** which will comprise all theoretical reports along with the model tests (along with relevant tools) for each professional profile targeted by the project
- ⇒ The organisation of the I CARE **final event**

National Workshops ...



National workshops were conceived by project partners as an unique opportunity for presenting and discussing project achievements with professionals working in vocational training and in the health care sector.

The programme of the workshops was decided independently by partners in each country in order to maximise the effectiveness of the dissemination event according to the participating stakeholders and their role in VET and social/health-care services.

Three national workshops, in Germany, Romania, and Italy, were organised between mid-November and mid-December.

The last workshop will be organised in **Poznan (PL)** on the **23rd of January 2013**.

National Workshops ...



German National Workshop



The **German national workshop** took place in **Cham** last 23rd of November 2012 and was organised by the project partner VHS.

At the beginning of the workshop Winfried Ellwanger, Managing Director of VHS Cham and ECVET expert of the National Agency in Germany, welcomed the participants and firstly introduced the participants to ECVET with some general information. Afterwards, VHS Cham presented the I CARE project, its aims and also the developments achieved so far, including the results of the pilot tests.

The workshop participants working for local authorities, VET education providers, internationally oriented enterprises and also institutions in health sector expressed their strong interest for these relatively new developments. The workshop therefore served also as a forum for discussing the European activities in VET/on the labour market, and updating the national audience on ECVET, which could also be relevant for their future activities on the European market.



Romanian National Workshop



The **Romanian national workshop** was organised on the 12th of December 2012 in **Bucharest** by the two project partners: NQA (National Qualification Authority) and Amber Business Consulting Romania SRL (former TILS Romania SRL) at NQA premises.

The main objective of this event was the dissemination of the project results achieved in Romania: the development and the implementation of two pilot tests for the assessment of candidates for Care Operator (Infirmieră) and Family Assistant (Îngrijitor Bătrâni și Copii la domiciliu) professional profiles.

The workshop started with a presentation of the ECVET framework, the MoU and the current EU funding opportunities (LLP - Leonardo da Vinci and Comenius Sectoral Programmes) provided by Mrs. Olivia Jidveian, Coordinator of the Leonardo da Vinci Department in Romania (ANPCDEFP). After this, a brief presentation on the status of ECVET implementation in Romania was provided by NQA. A detailed description of the I CARE project (partners, objectives, outcomes and future opportunities) was prepared by Amber Business Consulting Romania SRL, while the feedback regarding the implementation of the assessment tools for both professional profiles was provided by ProVocatie, a local NGO which is an associated Romanian partner of the project.

The stakeholders present at this event debated on the assessment process, the possibility of extending the I CARE model to other professional profiles, and the conclusion/terms of the MoU at transnational level for the sustainability of the project outcomes.

A presentation of the project outcomes was distributed to all participants. You may contact Mrs Daniela Radu (daniela.radu@ambergroup.org) for a copy.



Italian National Workshop

The **Italian national workshop** was held in **Milan** on the 18th December 2012 in the premises of Eupolis Lombardia/Fondazione CEFASS. Three Italian partners were actively involved in the workshop: Fondazione CEFASS, Fondazione IKAROS and IKAROS Formazione Cooperativa Sociale.



The workshop was structured around the ECVET framework and the role of the I CARE project in ECVET pilot implementation in EU Member States, the I CARE model (including the developed assessment tools) and on the direct witnesses of some professionals and candidates who participated in the I CARE experimentation. The presence of professionals who co-operated with project partners in the development of the competences assessment, and of candidates who undertook the assessment process was considered very interesting by the audience and allowed to have a direct feedback on the I CARE model and its potential for being used by people.

The group of national stakeholders who were invited to participate in the workshop had the chance to deeply discuss the I CARE model and achieved results directly with the project partners and the witnesses. The potential of the model for being applied in different contexts (and even transnationally) and field work during the piloting phase were highly appreciated by the participants.

A CD-ROM containing all the outcomes developed thus far including an example of a test for a professional profile was distributed to all the participants. Should you like a copy of the CD-ROM, please do not hesitate to contact Giulia Mallone (gmallone@cefass.it)

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I CARE Video Shooting

On the 15th of January 2013, IFC GHK was in Bergamo for shooting a video focusing on I CARE project activities, aims and achieved results. The video will be part of the videos to be produced by the EACEA and the European Commission for disseminating the ECVET concept across Europe



News from ECVET World ...

The last issue of the [ECVET Magazine](#) for 2012 was published and it is now available online. ECVETMag this time focuses on:

- ⇒ Using units with professional qualifications
- ⇒ The ECVET pilot projects' approaches to the definition of LOs and their assessment
- ⇒ Promoting ECVET to practitioners: the NetECVET Network



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