

The I CARE Final Conference



The **I CARE final conference** was held in **Bergamo** (IT) on the **21st of March 2013**. After two years of common work, all partners presented project outcomes and results, and launched the debate among ECVET specialists, trainers, decision makers, professionals, and representatives of the social partners and the labour market on I CARE effectiveness and sustainability (with particular regard to Italy).

The conference was an opportunity for presenting the potential of ECVET for valorising the competences acquired by people during their lives (independently from the context), and how it can favour lifelong learning processes among those workers being mobile across Europe.

The **morning session** was devoted to provide participants with an overview on ECVET, the I CARE project objectives and methodology, and with a direct insight in the experimentation of the I CARE model from the VET practitioners and health-care professionals point of view.

After a brief welcoming by the project coordinator (*Michela Vecchia*, Fondazione CEFASS), *Anette Curth* (ICF GHK) provided participants with an overview of the ECVET framework and its aims, and the role of the I CARE project in the implementation process launched by the European Commission through pilot projects in 2010.

After that, *Maria Luisi* (Fondazione IKAROS) focused her speech on an in depth analysis of the I CARE methodological approach, and the tools developed during project lifetime for identifying and assessing competences (matrices and tests) in the field of health care professions.

The tools development process and the piloting phase of the I CARE model (aimed at testing the tools in all participating countries) were then presented to participants by professionals and assessors (*Clotilde Adobati*, Fondazione IKAROS; *Francesca Pandolfi*, dental assistant) and by project partners (*Aleksandra Sikorska* & *Martina Iglhaut*, VHS Cham for Germany, and *Daniela Radu*, Amber Consulting Romania also representing the other Romanian partner, National Qualification Authority).

The morning session was concluded by *Mounir Baati* (European Training Foundation), who provided an in-depth analysis of the I CARE approach/model by highlighting the main strengths and weaknesses of the developed tools, as well as on the potential for applicability on the model within the framework of ECVET for lifelong learning.





The **afternoon session** started with the projection of two **videos**: the first one, produced by ICF GHK as part of the EU videos focusing on the ECVET Pilot Projects Second Generation, focused on the I CARE project and provided with the witness of assessors and candidates having participated in the piloting phase in Italy. The second video was the contribution of CISL Brianza (partner of the project) which gathered the point of view of the project coordinators (*Rita Pavan* and *Annalisa Caron*), of the assessor charged of assess candidates competences and of a Romanian non-qualified worker, who undertook the competence assessment process.

A **round table** aimed at discussing the possible application of the I CARE model, its sustainability and future developments both in relation to VET as well as labour market-related policies concluded the afternoon session. The discussion was moderated by *Giuseppe Guerini* (President of Federsolidarietà Nazionale, partner of the project), *Mimma Pelleriti* (ANOLF Bergamo), *Delia Rinaldi* (Department for Education, VET, and Labour, Province of Bergamo), *Giorgio Mottinelli* (Obiettivo Lavoro, temporary work agency), *Giacomo Meloni* (UST CISL Bergamo), and *Mounir Baati* (European Training foundation).

The **conference materials** (ppt presentations) are now available for download on the [project website](#), which will remain active and updated with news and relevant documents/publications for the two forthcoming years ... stay tuned!

The **I CARE final results** are now available on CD-ROM and USB pendrives. For any additional information, please contact project partners in your country or the project coordinator (michela_vecchia@yahoo.it).

ECVET Pilot Projects II Seminar

The **ECVET Pilot Projects 4th Seminar** took place in Paris on last 7 & 8 March.



The themes discussed were the pilot projects solutions to validation and recognition, and the dissemination of project results to national stakeholders.

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I CARE Project Results to be Presented in Poland



The I CARE model and tools, will be presented at the International Conference

'Your Informal & Non-Formal Competences. Your Profit' which will be organised by the [KODE-NQF project](#) and held in Krakow (PL) on next 14th of May

ECVET Magazine



The [March issue](#) of the **ECVET Magazine** is now available for download. An article by Anette Curth focusing on the I CARE project is published ...



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