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## Regional Approach to Innovation for VET and learning communities



## Aims and Objectives

Vocational training centres and, in general, most small and medium-sized companies do not have tools or systems that enable them to manage innovation effectively. Their management systems are geared more towards tackling the tasks that represent their day-to-day work rather than creating time and resources for forward planning to enable them to work on innovative projects.

Responding to this widely recognised systemic deficit, the headline aim of the RAINOVA project is to encourage the development of innovation systems for the regions represented by the project partners.

Sponsored by the European Commission, the RAINOVA project has the ambition to

generate at least the following innovative outcomes:

- Establishing interlinked **Regional Innovation Networks**, bringing together key European actors involved in innovation and knowledge transfer in order to meet the objectives of the Europe 2020 Strategy.
- Creating an **Innovation Management Model**, providing both a climate and culture for effective transfer of knowledge.
- Initiating **Innovation Observatories**, providing the necessary support for the members both to promote new innovations and benefit from them, as well as a management process for developing and exploiting the results of innovation projects, which will help to bring about more flexible, demand-led VET systems.

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COLLEGESWALES (UK) INTERNATIONAL is a division of ColegauCymru/CollegesWales, which represents all of the further education colleges in Wales.

On a Wales and UK policy level, CollegesWales represents Wales' further education colleges and undertakes research in order to influence and shape policy in post-16

education/training and lifelong learning.

Internationally, CollegesWales works with other countries to offer more opportunities to learners, to broaden their horizons and raise their aspirations. It works with its member colleges to manage and deliver projects, such as its annual European mobility project (Leonardo da Vinci). It also hosts visits to Wales by teachers and decision-makers from other European countries.

*Our main roles in the RAINOVA project are:*

- *Playing a supporting role in monitoring and evaluating the project*
- *Researching the regional approach to innovation in Wales*
- *Identifying businesses and colleges in Wales to pilot a proposed innovation management model*

