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Successful Mentoring Round Table Events in Greece and Bulgaria

In the frame of the mENTERing project (www.mentering.eu), two highly successful roundtable discussions were organised in Greece and Bulgaria. In both events, VET trainers, experts and representatives of the business community were presented with the results and the outcomes of the project, and were invited to discuss **how effective mentoring skills and competencies can contribute to foster entrepreneurship on local and regional level, both in Greece and Bulgaria.**

The roundtable in Greece took place on 25 September 2013, organised by Militos S.A., where leading Greek experts and VET trainers discussed about the importance of integrating entrepreneurial skills, their development and transferability across different sectors in the overall business training and education. The most important conclusion was that training should not focus on the technical skills development alone, but must also include soft skills closely linked to facilitating entrepreneurial growth, such as mentoring. Especially high-level management positions should be equipped with those skills that enable creativity and entrepreneurial ideas, as well as communicative and respectful working environment. Furthermore, results of a survey conducted under the "High Heels" project (www.highheelsproject.eu) were presented, which explored the peculiarities in the construction sector and its specific training needs regarding soft skills.

On 26 September 2013, a roundtable discussion was organized in Pazardzhik, Bulgaria, by the Association Business Information and Consulting Center – Sandanski and the SE BGCPD – Pazardzhik. The attending participants –VET trainers, experts and representatives of business support and branch associations – were offered a detailed presentation of the mENTERing project, and a complete copy of the training material and content developed. This was followed by a lively discussion on the challenges and issues on mentoring entrepreneurs in the Bulgarian reality.



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