



NEWSLETTER

Network for Soft Skills Innovation
for Employment

Editor's word

Dear reader and NESSIE follower,

Here is the 6th project newsletter which is strongly focused on the test of the on-line learning materials.

This time you can read more about the NESSIE roll out! Users, both employees and jobseekers are in the test phase right now.

Please also see what's happening on 10 September 2014. This day we will arrange the final dissemination seminar in Brussels. Read more about the plans at page 3.

Rolling out NESSIE

The NESSIE project is right now in the thrilling phase where employers and jobseekers in seven countries are testing two of the four parts of the project, namely Self Awareness and Planning & Organising.

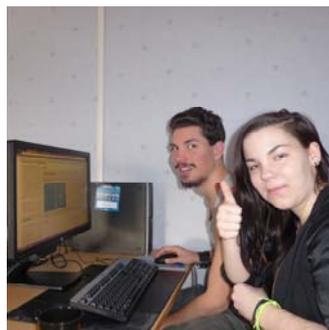
The so called "roll out" started in the middle of February and will be finished at the end of May this year.

Information leaflets for different target groups have been produced in all partner languages.

180 jobseekers and 180 employers register, get a log in and start using the materials at the e-learning site: www.e.nessie-project.org. You can see a few of them in this newsletter.

A detailed follow-up report will be made in order to see how well the materials work IRL (in real life). All the "test pilots" answer questions regarding technical, pedagogical and methodological aspects. It is also of interest if you have worked on your own with the courses, or with the support of a mentor.

The findings of the evaluation will be presented at NESSIE's final dissemination seminar on 10 September 2014, in Brussels, please see page 3.



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Employment officer trains soft skills

My interest for new knowledge within lifelong learning was the motive to learn more about the NESSIE program. At first, I felt a natural curiosity and desire to discover what Soft Skills are about. Subsequently, I have to admit that I was really excited with the online program. It gave me freedom to complete the course at my own pace. It was easily accessed from anywhere with an internet connection, which facilitated the learning for me, given that I am a working mother with a lot of obligations. In addition to that, the form of the questionnaires was interesting, because it reminded me of games. I managed to combine business with pleasure.



Maria Chalkia, Employee of the Employment Agency in Giannitsa, Greece

Thus, the knowledge acquired is more long-term and constructive. With the help of the questionnaires, I ascertained my own strengths, as well as my weaknesses. Therefore, these courses apart from short-term knowledge consist a springboard for my future quest, in order to strengthen my qualities and limit- if not obliterate- my disadvantages. I look forward with interest to similar programs in the future and I will certainly recommend this e-learning course to the unemployed clients who visit the Employment Agency where I work and also to my colleagues.

NESSIE Interview with, Rudi



Rudi and his mentor Friederike Erbe

Rudi, one of the NESSIE "test-pilots", is a 24 year old man living in the southern part of Germany. For the moment he is unemployed and therefore has problems finding a flat of his own. Rudi tested the NESSIE courses Self-awareness and Planning & Organising together with his mentor, Friederike Erbe.

Here are some of Rudi's thoughts about the materials:

Rudi heard about NESSIE because he stays in contact with Jugend-agentur Heidelberg, an agency which supports young jobseekers.

He was curious to test the materials and got some help from his mentor when working with the courses.

"Punctuality" was an interesting part for Rudi, who says that he is often late.

Another skill that he is ready to implement for himself is the use of to-do lists. "I try to use such lists at home as well as at work. I've made the experience that it helps me not to forget appointments or any work I still have to do. I plan to keep this method as a support for my daily life".

Finally, Rudi hopes that other participants will learn and adopt some of the given tips for themselves.

What Employers say...

"We really value our staff and are committed to developing their practical skills through training and development. We would welcome the opportunity to give them soft skills training. It is such an important aspect of the job."

Lynda Paton, Director, Montrose Rope and Sail, Scotland.



Lynda Paton

NESSIE Project Results

Would you like to know more about how peoples' soft skills could be improved?

Are you in, or can you be in, Brussels on 10 September?

If you answer yes to these questions we offer you a free of charge one-day seminar where we will present the results of the NESSIE project.

The two years long Leonardo da Vinci project has brought together 16 partners in seven countries to develop materials for the training of soft skills such as verbal communication, time management, motivation, problem solving etc. These materials are available in seven languages.

Why? Several European employer surveys state soft skills as essential but often missing! The lack of, or poor, soft skills could lead to inability to cope with change, high staff turnover and problems in school to work transition.

Our partnership has designed on-line training materials for soft skills training freely available for employers, employees and jobseekers.

We will tell you about our findings and what 360 jobseekers and employees throughout Europe thought about the NESSIE learning materials on:

10 September 2014, 09.30 – 16.00

at the European Office of Local Authorities of Baden-Württemberg

in Rue Guimard 7, Brussels

Right now we are planning the programme.

There will be:

- Speaker representing the European Union
- Employers
- Members of our partnership providing facts and details
- A package of informative materials
- Coffees, refreshments and a cold buffet lunch.

Are you interested? Please subscribe to

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for a full and detailed programme.

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