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EXPAND QUALITY ASSURANCE IN VET (BENCHMARKING TOOL)

LLP-LdV-TOI-2012-LT-0117

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Project Information

Title: EXPAND QUALITY ASSURANCE IN VET (BENCHMARKING TOOL)

Project Number: LLP-LdV-TOI-2012-LT-0117

Year: 2012

Project Type: Transfer of Innovation

Status: completed

Country: LT-Lithuania

Marketing Text: The project addresses the problem of improving quality assurance systems in VET and use of EQAVET. The project EXPANDVET transfered good practice and innovation from previous Leonardo da Vinci development of innovation project BEQUAL. Main reason of the project origin was development and adoption of self-evaluation approaches, assessment culture also practical application of CQAF in Lithuania, Austria, Poland and United Kingdom.

Summary: The TOI EXPAND QUALITY ASSURANCE IN VET (BENCHMARKING TOOL) LLP-LdV-TOI-2012-LT-0117 project addresses the problem of improving quality assurance systems in VET. The project EXPANDVET transfered good practice and innovation techniques to four EU countries (Lithuania, Austria, Poland and United Kingdom) from previous Leonardo da Vinci development of innovation project "Benchmarking Tool for Quality Assurance in VET (BEQUAL)". Main reason of the project was development and adoption of self-evaluation approaches, assessment culture also practical application of CQAF which is poor in partner's countries.

The main outcomes:
• Developed quality assurance in VET institutions through promotion of self-evaluation, quality benchmarking and networking in VET.
• Promoted the use of European Quality Assurance Reference Framework (EQAVET) in VET institutes.
• Updated outcomes related to the implementation of CQAF in the view of adaptation to EQAVET.
• Practical application of the quality assurance framework in VET through the use of online benchmarking tool and good practice database.
• Promoted international cooperation and exchange of experience through enhancement of thematic portal in quality assurance and expanding the Community of Practice.

Description: The project was implemented by 6 partners from 5 EU countries. The consortium was based on the effort to use the best European practice in the field of quality assurance systems in VET. Each country had its own tools, instruments and procedures as well as different contexts: different legislation, educational systems. From core partner IDEC (Greece) all other partners was imported the innovation, which was eventually upgraded its ability to implement and benchmark quality assurance in VET.
project tasks:
• Examined the existing approaches for quality assurance in participating countries
• Transferred, adapted and piloted the benchmarking tool in Lithuania, Austria, Poland and United Kingdom.
• Developed the Lithuanian and Polish language versions of the thematic portal.
• Enriched the thematic portal with various content, documents, links, articles, videos.
• Disseminated and promoted the benchmarking tool at regional, national and European level.
• Collaborated in development of products and quality assurance practices.

Themes:
*** Utilization and distribution of results
*** Quality
*** Others
*** Higher education
*** Continuous training
*** Initial training
** Recognition, transparency, certification

Project Information

Sectors: *** Professional, Scientific and Technical Activities
*** Information and Communication
*** Education

Product Types: CD-ROM
website
evaluation methods

Product information: - On-line benchmarking tool, which offers VET institutions the possibility to compare their quality processes and practices and to identify their strong points and processes to be improved compared to competition. The core of the benchmarking tool is a multiple choice questionnaire to be filled in by VET providers. Each institution has to self-assess its state of fulfillment of the indicator in question and to compare its results with similar institutions operating in the same country and/or in other countries. The tool offers VET stakeholders, policy makers and consultants information on which indicators are at a good point of fulfillment by the majority of VET institutions concerned and which points need to be further enhanced. The benchmarking tool is hosted in the thematic portal.
- Web based quality sharing network and good practice centre establishing Community of Practice (CoP) in the field of quality assurance in VET. Establishment of CoP involves also a series of networking activities for VET stakeholders and practitioners, blogging in the thematic portal, creation of profiles over facebook and twitter.
- Thematic portal on quality assurance in VET, hosted in the address www.bequal.info. The portal includes the following functions: Online benchmarking tool, good practice centre, statistics, blogs, news and news feeds, links, library, resources and articles, polls, on-line login module and information on the project. The portal is multilingual. The national versions are not identical with the English one.

Projecthomepage: http://www.idec.gr/expandvet/

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Country:	AT-Austria
Organization Type:	continuing training institution
Homepage:	http://www.best-training.com

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Country:	EL-Greece
Organization Type:	research institution
Homepage:	http://www.idec.gr

Partner 4

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Country/Region:	Lietuva
Country:	LT-Lithuania
Organization Type:	initial training
Homepage:	http://www.kaupa.lt

Partner

Partner 5

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Country:	PL-Poland
Organization Type:	National Agency
Homepage:	

Project Files

Expandvet zinios_2014.pdf

http://www.adam-europe.eu/prj/9886/prj/Expandvet%20zinios_2014.pdf

Project newsletter in EN about Quiality assurance in VET (European and LT level)

Rumai lankstukas A4_DE (1).pdf

http://www.adam-europe.eu/prj/9886/prj/Rumai%20lankstukas%20A4_DE%20%281%29.pdf

Brochure about project in German language.

Rumai lankstukas A4_EN.pdf

http://www.adam-europe.eu/prj/9886/prj/Rumai%20lankstukas%20A4_EN.pdf

Brochure about the project

Rumai lankstukas A4_PL.pdf

http://www.adam-europe.eu/prj/9886/prj/Rumai%20lankstukas%20A4_PL.pdf

Brochure about the project in Polish.

Rumu bukletas_atvirukas_LT.pdf

http://www.adam-europe.eu/prj/9886/prj/Rumu%20bukletas_atvirukas_LT.pdf

Brochure about the project in Lithuanian language.

State of Play - Final.docx

http://www.adam-europe.eu/prj/9886/prj/State%20of%20Play%20-%20Final.docx

"State of Play" report on Quality assurance in VET (UK, AT, PL, LT, EU developements)

State of Play_vertimui_LT.doc

http://www.adam-europe.eu/prj/9886/prj/State%20of%20Play_vertimui_LT.doc

Products

1 State of Play on Quality assurance in VET

2 Portal "www.bequal.info", national versions

3 Benchmarking methodology and questionnaires

4 On-line benchmarking tool

Product 'State of Play on Quality assurance in VET'

Title:	State of Play on Quality assurance in VET
Product Type:	others
Marketing Text:	State of Play is a report on Quality assurance in 4 countries- Lithuania, Poland, UK, Austria
Description:	State of Play is a report on Quality assurance in 4 countries- Lithuania, Poland, UK, Austria. Available in www.bequal.info
Target group:	VET providers, policy makers, stakeholders
Result:	State of Play in EN Part of State of Play in LT Part of State of Play in PL
Area of application:	Quality assurance in VET
Homepage:	www.bequal.info
Product Languages:	English

Product 'Portal "www.bequal.info", national versions'

Title:	Portal "www.bequal.info", national versions
Product Type:	website
Marketing Text:	BEQUAL is a European portal dedicated to the quality procedures in Vocational Education and Training (VET) as well as to benchmarking between peers.
Description:	BEQUAL is a European portal dedicated to the quality procedures in Vocational Education and Training (VET) as well as to benchmarking between peers.
Target group:	Policy makers and consultants who can find statistics, articles, poles and links to base their decisions. - VET providers , who can use the benchmarking tool, read good practices or contribute with their own and be promoted in the portal.
Result:	Please join, if you want to: - Use the benchmarking tool - Identify your strong and weak points - Contribute with your good practice - Share your opinions in the blog
Area of application:	Quality assurance
Homepage:	www.bequal.info
Product Languages:	English

Product 'Benchmarking methodology and questionnaires'

Title:	Benchmarking methodology and questionnaires
Product Type:	others
Marketing Text:	Benchmarking tool is ready to use on www.bequal.info in partners countries
Description:	Vet providers can fill in benchmarking tool in 11 languages. The report of results can be used in internal VET providers needs in quality assurance field.
Target group:	VET providers
Result:	
Area of application:	Quality assurance field
Homepage:	www.bequal.info
Product Languages:	English

Product 'On-line benchmarking tool'

Title:	On-line benchmarking tool
Product Type:	website
Marketing Text:	Benchmark and compare in EU (For VET providers)
Description:	New languages to fill the questionnaire -Lithuanian, Polish. Adapted for UK and Austria.
Target group:	VET providers
Result:	Filled 120 questionnaires
Area of application:	Quality assurance
Homepage:	www.bequal.info
Product Languages:	Lithuanian

Events

Final project conference

Date	11.09.2014
Description	Final project conference on Quality assurance in VET will take place in Kaunas, 11-09-2014 Invitation: http://chamber.lt/LT/Pradzia/Naujienos/Rumu-naujienos/Projekto-Profesinio-mokymo-kokybes-uztikrinimo-sistemu-tobulinimas-lyginamosios-analizes-irankis-baigiamoji-konferencija
Target audience	VET policy makers, stakeholders, VET providers
Public	Event is open to the public
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Time and place	11th of September, 2014, Kaunas Hotel

4th partners meeting

Date	22.05.2014
Description	
Target audience	Project partners
Public	Closed event
Contact Information	
Time and place	22-23 of May 2014, Vienna, AT

3rd partners meeting

Date	20.10.2013
Description	
Target audience	Project partners
Public	Closed event
Contact Information	
Time and place	21-22 of November 2013, Bath, Uk

Events

Synergy between Expandvet and Bequal+ projects

Date	20.09.2013
Description	Both projects are working on the same platform www.bequal.info. Projects agreed to cooperate on further portal development (after end of the Expandvet project. Bequal+ project has finished this year.
Target audience	Project team
Public	Closed event
Contact Information	
Time and place	20-09-2013, Sofija, Bulgaria

2nd partners meeting

Date	23.04.2013
Description	Second partners meeting was be held in Poland. The main target is to discuss the testing of benchamrking tool for VET schools, dissemination of portal www.bequal.info
Target audience	Project partners
Public	Closed event
Contact Information	
Time and place	22-24 of May in Poland, Lodz

Project Tags

The project belongs to the following group(s):

Best of ADAM (http://www.adam-europe.eu/adam/thematicgroup/ADAM)