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## **D.5.4 Online Learning Community**



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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The VETWORK idea is strongly dependent on the continuous involvement of stakeholders in critical stages of the project life, with the ultimate scope of assuring a high quality level and sustainability to project outcomes. Given the focus of the project, networking and organizational involvement served the need of representing enterprises, VET providers, quality agencies, chambers of commerce and others during the process of integration. Moreover, it was essential to collect feedback and suggestions about how to proceed and how to transform the processes put in place in a long-lasting and more stable process in the field of VET and WBL. Wide dissemination and stakeholders involvement during the project had guaranteed that outcomes are in line with stakeholders' interests and future perspectives.

Users involvement is also a mean for multiplication: by influencing policy and practices, with VETWORK exploitation and valorization activities, Partners have attempted to embed project outcomes in training methodologies, or into the practices of relevant VET organizations, therefore securing their longevity and the longevity of the effects produced by VETWORK. That is also why representatives of wide European networks as well as representatives of the European Commission itself have been involved during the project implementation.

On the other hand, whilst the online benchmarking tool was undergoing piloting and validation, activities under the WP5 led to the creation of the so-called Online Learning Community, a mean to involve actors - VET providers and VET learners, social partners, trainers and trainees, employers and job-seekers - in benchmarking and bench-learning exercises, engage in thematic discussions, use the Benchmarking Tool and share their experience. The Online Learning Community, built through the Facebook social platform, will stay alive as a networking and dissemination space, granting the sustainability of VETWORK and the ongoing involvement of target users and stakeholders. Keeping results available free-of-charge on the project website as well as keep feeding the Online Community with content and inputs, even after the end of the project, is one way of ensuring they stay alive beyond the funding period and engage new potential actors.

The several changes occurred in the Partnership, and specifically the withdrawal of both Scierter and MENON (which were experts in promoting and learning with On-line Communities) had affected the effective implementation of the VETWORK Online Community, especially in terms of the strategy to maintain the community proactive and reactive. The social networking Platform changed from ELGG to FB, in order to boost the recruiting process of users and members. On the one side, this had indeed allowed Partners to quickly reach members and disseminate project results, granting them a sustainable webspace for future access; on the other side, it had reduced the variety of stakeholders involved. Being FB the main channel for reaching out the Online Community, the language used has been primarily English, while in the application all Partners language were foreseen. Instead, national networks have been reached through other channels.

## 2. THE ONLINE LEARNING COMMUNITY

As said before, activities within WP5 led to the creation of an Online Learning Community as a social networking platform (in the form of a Facebook open group) allowing interaction among participants, sharing of documents and project outcomes, inputs for discussion and reflection. The Community was meant to be a meeting and virtual discussion place addressing stakeholders, learners, VET trainers and trainees, and Benchmarking users.

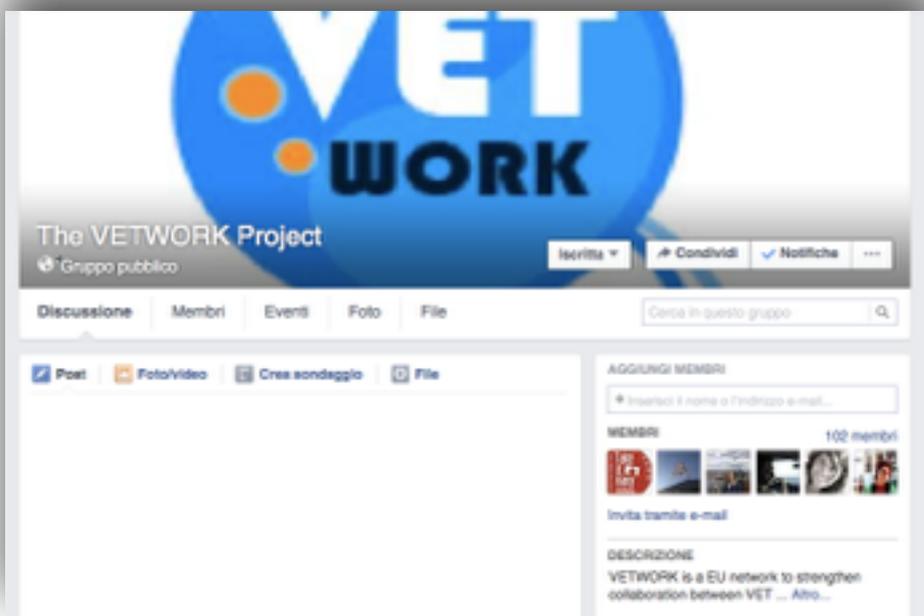
The Online Learning Community can be accessed here:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/843931942352196/>

The scope of the Community was indeed to:

- A. enhance the benchmarking and bench learning exercise, giving users a space to comment and discuss experiences and results in a constructive perspective of sharing and comparison;
- B. enhance discussion around the key results of the project and the focus area identified by the project team, emerged through both project research and networking activities;
- C. function as a virtual meeting space for both Partners and stakeholders
- D. ensure dissemination and sustainability of project outcomes in the long term.

The Community engaged a total of 102 participants, from June 2015 to November 2015, and is still alive and functioning today. Here below some screenshots of the FB page as it was developed.



Vetwork Facebook Group - 102 Members

**Brincoveanu Cristina** ha condiviso il post di **FiaTest**.  
24 novembre 2015

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24 novembre 2015

<https://ec.europa.eu/.../network-guidelines-and-recommendatio...>

**VETWORK Guidelines and recommendations for integration - EPALE - European Commission**  
VETWORK Guidelines and recommendations for integration - Electronic Platform for Adult Learning in Europe  
EC.EUROPA.EU

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**Martina Zipoli** ha caricato un file.  
14 novembre 2015

The VETWORK team has developed a set of Guidelines and Recommendations for the Integration of VET and work. Have a look and share your comments - All feedback are welcome to improve our work!

**Integrated VET-WORK GUIDE\_V2.pdf**  
Portable Document Format

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Piace a **Mateo Giarrufa** e altre 4 persone.   Visualizzato da 53

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**Chelli Raniero** ha aggiornato la descrizione del gruppo.  
16 settembre 2015

VETWORK is a EU network to strengthen collaboration between VET providers and the world of work. It was approved within the Leonardo da Vinci Programme in October 2012. Although the project is expected to last for three years, the objective is to create a dynamic network which can keep collaborating in the future.

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Piace a **Chelli Raniero** e altre 3 persone.   Visualizzato da 59

**Brincoveanu Cristina** ha caricato un file.  
22 ottobre 2015

The VETWORK Project - IDENTITY CARD OF GOOD PRACTICE

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Piace a **Giulia Meschino Evta**.   Visualizzato da 56

**Martina Zipoli**  
3 luglio 2015 - Roma

The VETWORK consortium has developed an on-line benchmarking tool that allows self-assessment and measurement of integration effectiveness between VET and the world of work. The tool helps VET providers to self-assess and to compare the extent and the concrete ways through which they collaborate with the world of work.

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102 membri

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Piace a 3 persone.   Visualizzato da 61

**Giulia Meschino Evta** ha condiviso il suo evento.  
7 novembre 2015

VETWORK final conference!!!!

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**VETWORK**  
CONNECTING VET AND THE WORLD OF WORK

Welcome to the VET-WORK website. You are welcome to increase the quality, effectiveness and attractiveness of VET by improving its links with the world of work.

**12 NOV** **VETWORK Final Conference**  
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