

VETWORK

“VETWORK – Connecting VET and the world of work”

Memorandum of Agreement

In October 2012, a partnership composed by 8 partners representing the world of VET was granted within the Leonardo da Vinci Programme of the EU Commission to implement the VETWORK project.

VETWORK is a EU network to strengthen collaboration between VET providers and the world of work. 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.

VETWORK aims to offer a larger initiative where different actors involved in VET, employment and territorial strategies can work together in a sustainable perspective to ensure a strong impact to their common actions, in line with the priorities and strategic objectives of the Bruges Communiqué for new skills for new jobs and as a necessary condition for sustainability of project outcomes and results at two levels:

- 1) The governance level through stakeholders' systematic collaboration (e.g.: identification of new skills for learners, VET and in-company trainers, definition of agreed quality criteria and processes, etc.) and;
- 2) The implementation level to maximise effectiveness and impact of mixed/blended VET/workplace training paths. To do so, the project implies three main components: research, development and networking. The focus area of the project will be the area of training integrating Work Based Learning (WBL) and VET providers training and support services.

VETWORK – The innovating elements

The main innovating elements featuring VETWORK are:

- The provision of a benchmarking system and tool (validated by educational institutions and companies) measuring the effectiveness of integration between VET, in-company training and WBL.
- The provision of practical guidelines and policy recommendations jointly developed with the direct beneficiaries to support the training sector; educational institutions, companies and decision makers in effectively improving the levels of integration, with positive effects on individual empowerment and mobility of learners, as well as on VET attractiveness and innovation closer to the world of work.

I. Purpose of the Agreement

This Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) sets out the terms by which the VETWORK partnership and relevant stakeholders will collaborate together within and beyond the VETWORK contractual duration.

This agreement has to be intended as a gentlemen's agreement aiming at promoting the objectives and results developed during the project implementation and ensuring the sustainability of the project itself.

I. Roles and Responsibilities

Responsibilities of the VETWORK partnership

Technical Assistance

- The VETWORK partnership will provide to the stakeholders detailed information and communication materials related to the project, namely presentations, flyers, etc;
- The VETWORK partnership will put at disposal of the stakeholders all the outputs realised during the project implementation, in particular the benchmarking tool for the self-assessment of the training offer and the guidelines and recommendations developed by the partners
- The VETWORK partnership will ensure technical assistance on the use of the benchmarking tool.

Responsibilities of stakeholders

In return for the above, stakeholders agree to support the project beyond its contractual duration. Specifically, they agree to:

- Disseminate information and results of the project within their respective organisations/networks and among their external partners
- Use the benchmarking tool and give their feedback
- ...

II. Signatures of Parties' Principals

If the terms of this Memorandum of Agreement are acceptable, please sign and date two copies of this agreement letter. Keep one copy for your records and return the other to the VETWORK partnership.

Thank you very much.

Signature/Title, State Organization Principal Date

Signature/Title, Intensive Site Principal Date