

*The year 2021 has brought to the VETFest project new opportunities for growth via online environments! Partners from Portugal, Greece, Italy, Spain, and Turkey have successfully developed their best practices via online forums. Read the current newsletter and learn how!*

### How did COVID-19 affect the 3rd transnational meeting?

During the last semester of 2020, VETFest partners had to adjust their working schedules remotely, and mostly, based at home offices due to the outburst of COVID-19. The consequences brought by the pandemic have caused the establishment of more creative solutions with regards to the use of digital tools and settings for online meetings and other project activities.

More specifically, the VETFest partners organized the 3rd transnational meeting, which was originally planned to be held by the Spanish partner Defoin. The main focus of the discussion was placed upon the implementation of the 12VETFest Plan and the piloting phase of the 12 good practices in VET Education. Having already concluded the guidelines of the Roadmap in four teams of 3 partners from different countries since September, the VETFest partners met online via Skype on the 29th of October 2020.

The 3rd transnational meeting included, among others, the progress made in the fields of Quality Assurance and Evaluation and Dissemination and Exploitation of Results.



### How has the partnership organized the Pilot Testing of the 12 Good Practices (GP)?

During the last semester of 2020, VETFest partners Despite the challenges brought by the Corona virus, partners contributed to the creation of the Pilot Testing evaluation tools by selecting the most appropriate questions for online pilot testing activities. Indeed, partners finalized the evaluation tools, such as the questionnaires for the participants and the organizers, in December 2020.



Through the implementation of an intensive schedule of online meetings, VETFest partners also achieved to translate all Roadmap Annexes that were related to the pilot testing of each good practice. That being said, the partners prepared the Certificate of Application of the 12VETFest plan, the General Certificate of Participation, the Project Presentation in Portuguese, Italian, Greek, Spanish, and Turkish. This project outcome, led by CEPROF, allows partners to implement the Roadmap in their national contexts, and to exchange challenges or opportunities that they discover with their students.

Moreover, partners are now reaching the actual goal of the project, which is the extension of VET

providers' network, by creating synergies with other VET schools. In fact, the partners have started piloting the 12 good practices in, at least, three schools of their country. Since some partners, such as SPEL, CEPROF, IIS Ciuffelli, EUROTraining, AKMI, Ortaköy, and MAMAK, already have their own VET classes and provide educational material for VET students, the cooperation schemes happen primarily among their own branches. On the other hand, partners such as CONFORM and Defoin have started to cooperate with other VET schools of their region for implementing the Roadmap, thus enlarging our network. At this stage, APSU and ILF provide external entrepreneurial know-how to the consortium.

## Which are the next steps?

The upcoming months are quite challenging for all partners, who still have to cooperate from remote working settings. In this regard, VETFest good practices will be mainly piloted online, strengthening further the digital capacities of the partners and target-groups. The progress of the implementation of the 12VETFest Plan will be presented during the 4th transnational meeting, hosted online by EUROTraining in March 2021.



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