Newsletter No 6 –ELEVET
This is the sixth newsletter of the project. The aim of the newsletter is to keep stakeholders informed about the progress and the outcomes of the project. This letter covers the period January to February 2013. This newsletter is published in English, Italian and Polish language.

The Aim of ELEVET
The aim of the project is to facilitate mobility of electricians and electrical engineers in Europe by improving transparency and establishing recognition of learning outcomes – both acquired in formal and non-formal training paths. Further, to modernise VET paths of electricians and electrical engineers through an integration of a set of soft and business skills.

International Focus Group in Poland
A focus group interview is a good way to qualify data collected in a quantitative way. First ELEVET had the national focus group interviews in the partner countries and then the international focus group interview in Warsaw.

On 17 and 18 January 2013 the ELEVET International focus group with VET experts was carried out. The aim of the focus group was to present findings from surveys and national focus groups held in Italy, Romania, Spain, Poland and Denmark.

The international focus group interview consisted of 10 people, which is the right size for such an activity. Apart from following the structure of the interview, a group of this size has the possibility to interact with each other, which again qualifies the outcomes.

Based on the outcomes of the interview, the following skills have been concluded as important for the competencies of electrical engineers and electricians in Europe.

The skills are divided into three categories:

Managerial Skills
- Assigning tasks
- Strategic thinking
- Planning
- Leadership
- Managing information

Social Skills
- Teamwork
- Sharing knowledge and experience
- Building relationship with other people
- Communicativeness
- Customer oriented approach

Personal Skills
- Conscientiousness
- Aiming at results
- Readiness to learn
- Problem solving
- Creativity and assertiveness

Framework for ECVET Calibration
The next milestone of the project is one of the core outcomes – it is the development of the framework for integrating training activities into the ECVET system.

What is ECVET?
“ECVET is a European system of accumulation and transfer of credits designed for vocational education and training in Europe. It enables the attesting and recording of the learning outcomes of an individual engaged in a learning pathway leading to qualifications, a vocational diploma or certificate.”
Source: European Commission (2005) European Credit System for VET.

The preparation of the framework builds on the empirical data collected earlier in the project i.e. survey carried out in companies in the partner
countries about importance of electrical engineers’ soft skills and the national focus group interviews carried out in the partner countries prior to the international focus group interview held in Warsaw.

**Next Project Meeting**
The next project meeting, which consists of a monitoring committee meeting and a steering committee meeting, will be held in Denmark on 14 and 15 March 2013. The main points of the agenda are to present and discuss the ECVET framework proposal and to make the quality assurance of the current stage of the project.

**ELEVET Dissemination**
Until the end of February 2013, the ELEVET website had 4,217 unique visits.

You can keep yourself updated by visiting the website: [http://www.elevet.sep.com.pl](http://www.elevet.sep.com.pl)

Elevet has now a group profile on LinkedIn, which is one of the most important social networks on the Internet: [www.linkedin.com](http://www.linkedin.com) - > Groups -> Groups Directory and write ELEVET in the search field and you can contribute to the professional discussion of ELEVET.

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