VET 4.0 WORKSHOP AT THE EFVET EVENT IN BERLIN ON 26.11.2021. Why VET 4.0?

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In a world of accelerating change, continuous learning is the most important long-term investment we can do together. It’s time to reset the old approach and rethink the way we view vocational education and training, and how it’s delivered. The more flexible the training solutions we can develop, and the more systematically we anticipate the future of work at different levels, the better we can respond to the ever-changing needs of skills and competence in the world of work.

VET 4.0 thematic team’s group of experts has carried out systematic foresight work on the possible futures of VET and compiled four different scenario narratives. These scenarios are named Local College, Extended College, Company College and Global College. These scenarios are situated to four field matrix which two axels are “Public funding vs. Private funding” and “Qualifications vs. Micro credentials”. Different phenomena and change drivers have been studied and evaluated in five different domains. Those domains were Learning, Organisation,
Global, Industry and Social.

During the day two workshops with the same content were held. Mr Kari Puumalainen, Principal of YSAO, started the workshops by presenting the results of the scenario work and the forthcoming scenario report. Of the phenomena presented in the report, he highlighted e.g. IA – Intelligence Amplification. IA is about making humans more capable in anything they want to do by enhancing human capabilities and decision-making with intelligent technologies.

After the presentation, the possible realization of different scenarios and their impact on the evaluation using the Learning Cafe method. Summarizing the comments of the different groups, it can be stated that the possible future was seen as a combination of different scenarios. At the same time, it was stated that the future scenario report can and should be used as an tool in the future strategy work of training organizations.

THE INNOVET CATALOGUE OF BEST PRACTICES

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Following the three-day event from last 1st-3rd of June 2021 with a presentation of the best practices collected by the INNOVET partnership - internal or external to it - we designed a document which constitutes the first INNOVET catalogue of best practices.

The catalogue is a very structured document where some basic information can be found, such as the organisation and country where the good practice has been implemented and the main theme/area of intervention). This can be about VET 4.0 or Internationalisation. In addition, main objectives, target groups addressed, main activities necessary for its realisation, and results achieved are described.

Finally, the last part is focused on on the Quality criteria previously defined for the mapping of the best practices, which are: DIGITALISATION, INNOVATION, TRANSFERABILITY and SUSTAINABILITY.

The catalogue is available on the project website at the following link

The best practices are summarised as follows:

- Creation of a new Job Profile in VET: Digital Tourism Technician by Renato Guiomar, INSIGNARE, Portugal

INSIGNARE shared a new qualification for one of Europe’s and World’s highest growing sectors, Tourism, focusing on one of its most relevant trends: Digitalisation. This new qualification mixes both Tourism and IT skills, meeting the market new trends of consumer choices, mostly online and through peer reviews. It aims at preparing young people and adults to work in several types of Hospitality organisations, both under traditional business models and online/cloud business models, the digital travel market, or traditional Tourism companies that
It is an added value for the last year students that they can do an internship in the Netherlands where they are hosted by Groep Landstede. Due to Corona, online activities have been organised in 2021. Melanie Huyghe explained in further detail the aspects of digitalisation, innovation, sustainability of the project.

- **SCF Virtual Mobility by Francesca Drago, Scuola Centrale Formazione (SCF), Italy**

SCF shared the “Virtual Exchange”, a pedagogical model adopted to experiment the virtual mobility (blended mobility) in the context of VET. Virtual Exchange is a learning model, based on the principle of “engagement with difference”, cultural, ethnic, religious, linguistic, political and social differences, through peer-to-peer comparison, the support of a neutral facilitation and the technologies.

- **INTERMOVE FOR TRAINERS by Juan Guerrero, INCOMA, Spain**

INCOMA presented us an online training course aiming at training facilitators and mobility providers in interculturality and intercomprehension activities for mobility actions for students.

- **Edu4Pro-product by Kari Puumalainen, Ylä-Savo College, Finland**

Ylä-Savo College shared a holistic model that can be used to lead/manage VET colleges and measure the outcomes of the organisation in real time. The model is utilising the best practices of quality-process and knowledge management.

- **Moving Generation by Annalisa Palano, UNISER Italy**

UNISER presented the “Moving Generation”, a web platform for mobility projects management. It connects sending organisations, hosting partners and mobility participants, digitalising the workflow and the exchange of information between all actors involved. Moving Generation provides mobility participants online access to all information about their experience ensuring compliance with the GDPR.

- **Implementation and Evaluation of Soft Skills (IESS) by Melanie Huyghe, Heilig-Hartnstituut T.O., Belgium**

Heilig Hartnstituut Leuven (BE) presented their KA1 project IESS (Implementation and Evaluation of Soft Skills). The school offers training for future hairdressers, aestheticians and sales representatives.

- **Duurzaamheidsfabriek (Sustainability Factory) by Daniel Wortel, ROC DA VINCI, The Netherlands**

ROC DA VINCI presented the Sustainability Factory, an experience related with Smart Industry, Robotisation, Digitalisation and Energy Transition, focusing also on how to build innovative strengths by linking innovation to lifelong learning in a structural triple helix collaboration (Education providers, Knowledge institutes, SME’s, Corporates and (inter)national, regional innovation structures and skills).

- **eTwinning project “L’écologie nous unit” by Melanie Huyghe, Heilig-Hartnstituut T.O., Belgium**

Heilig Hartnstituut Leuven (BE) presented the eTwinning project “L’écologie nous unit”. After a brief description of the aim of the project, Melanie Huyghe emphasized the advantages and disadvantages of an online project on the eTwinning platform.

- **Virtual collaboration for Fashion skills by Claire Challande, SEPR, France**

SEPR presented us a I@H experience related to a virtual workshop that takes place every year since 2017 in a hybrid format and last year was delivered fully online. This practice, related with the fashion sector, aimed at contributing to the development of digital skills (technical and intercultural) in this sector.

- **Erasmus Learner Journey by Marta Rybka, UNISER, Italy**

UNISER presented us the “Erasmus Learner Journey”, an e-learning tool for training Erasmus participants before, during and after their mobility experience. The tool can be used individually by the students or as a base for blended mobility courses with groups of students from different countries.

- **International design workshop, by Delphine Gicquel, SEPR, France**

SEPR shared their experience of a one-month long workshop that takes place in France, bringing together professional designers from Ireland, Finland, Spain (incoming teaching mobilities). This year, the workshop was 100% digital.
The next INNOVET transnational meeting will take place on 18 and 19 January 2022 and it will be hosted by YLSAO in Iisalmi, Finland.

The agenda mainly foresees an intense work on the Training Event planned to take place on 3-5 May 2022 and at the same time a call for best practices will be launched involving all EFET members.

During the meeting we will have contemporary working groups on workshops design in three moments (brainstorming, drafting proposals, fine tuning proposals) on two main topics, i.e. VET 4.0 and Internationalisation, and some transversal topics (ex. Design the conference of tomorrow, peer learning activities centred on TT works; Think tank on the ideal conference of tomorrow).

We will also have contemporary working groups on three main actions which are the dissemination, promotion and valorisation of the event where we will brainstorm about the followings:

- Update and improvement of the good practice collection form
- Internal dissemination and valorisation
- External dissemination and valorisation

We will then dedicate time to discuss about the tasks distribution, other issues like the admin and finance about the Thematic Conference, presentation of the budget, and definition of grant distribution among partners and TT members, as well as the Interim report.

SAVE THE DATE: EFVET THEMATIC TEAMS EVENT
FROM 3 TO 5 MAY, 2022 - LYON, FRANCE