



OPEN ONLINE CATALOGUE OF INTERCULTURAL TOOLS FOR VET TRAINERS

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The Last Meeting

The testing phase is completed and the CIT4VET project partnership met - albeit virtually due to the Covid19 emergency - for the final meeting on Friday, September 11th.

Despite the distance, the online meeting took place in the usual atmosphere of extreme harmony and understanding between the partners, who analyzed the feedback collected during the testing phase of the project during which the Open Online Catalogue and the Guidelines were browsed and tested by Professional Trainers and Representatives of Vocational Training Bodies.

Thanks to their valuable contribution, the final version will be closer to the needs of VET trainers in terms of user experience of the site interface which aims to be as intuitive as possible for users.

As in every meeting, the partners also discussed the dissemination and, finally, the final report of the project, which will also take into account the multiplier events of each partner, which can take place both in presence and online.

Finally, a touch of melancholy marked the moment of greetings, during which all partners proudly underlined the success of the project also due to the particular understanding that has characterized the partnership since the beginning of this path.



The pilot testing

The official testing of CIT4VET products in the partner countries started on 25th June 2020 and lasted for 6 weeks - until August 7th, 2020. The aim of the testing phase was to implement the products created in the frame of CIT4VET project in real environment and receive feedback by external experts and representatives of the direct target group (VET organisations, trainers and learners) if they have the necessary high quality.

The online platform was tested by a total number of 184 VET trainers and VET representatives who provided useful feedback both for the strengths and benefits of the platform, as well as recommendations for its improvement.

The received feedback and conclusions from the pilot testing of CIT4VET platform certainly show that the products are accepted very well by both target groups. 100% of the users stated they will use CIT4VET products in their future work, 90% will recommend the CIT4VET products to colleagues and friends who work in a multicultural environment and 91% are very satisfied by the overall quality of all products.

Regarding improvements, the feedback concerns small changes in the functionality, design and navigation through the platform. Some users also suggested to add more materials in the platform in the future, as well as offer it in more languages.



Two years working together

In September 2020 the CIT4VET Partnership looks back over two years of successful collaboration. In Autumn 2018 seven Partners from six countries (Germany, Poland, Ireland, Bulgaria, Italy, The Netherlands) first came together to start the Project “Open Online Catalogue of Intercultural Tools for VET Trainers”. The Project had the aim of developing a database of Intercultural tools, Training materials for VET trainers and a set of Guidelines on how to apply the developed material in intercultural training sessions to support trainers and teachers in VET who often haven’t the chance to adequately support the learning of their culturally diverse classroom for the lack of appropriate material.

Two years later the Partnership is able to present the promised results <https://cit4vet.erasmus.site/>

- A Database of Intercultural Tools – collection of tools developed within various previous initiatives and projects as Open Education Resources and that relate to intercultural education,
- Training materials about basic notions on culture and intercultural aspects for self-study and as input for the classroom plus a Guide on how to develop simulations for intercultural trainings,
- Guidelines on how to use the intercultural platform and on how to apply intercultural aspects in VET.

The partnership was inspired by the strong belief that intercultural competencies are essential for working and communicating effectively in today's culturally diverse reality. The partnership, as an intercultural working experience in itself, had to cope with various challenges, including the present world-wide pandemics which influenced its working mode and the opportunity to meet in person. Despite these, the partnership has successfully grown on the level of personal understanding and mutual appreciation.

Partnership



Project Coordinator : assist GmbH

assist GmbH is a medium-sized private limited company with a Head Office in Paderborn, central Germany. They offer training in the areas of intercultural skills, leadership skills, communication skills and trainer skills.



Institute of Technology Tralee

ITT has been at the forefront of learning since its establishment and has since gained a reputation as a centre of distinction for teaching, learning and research.



Danmar Computers sp z o.o.

Danmar Computers is a private company providing vocational training in the field of Information Technology and developing e-learning and customised ICT solutions.



Diciannove Società Cooperativa

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Runi Center

The activities of RUNI Center are aimed at developing social skills and personal qualifications by creative thinking, partnership and team work.



Centrum Kształcenia Edukator

Is a company operating on the Polish vocational training market. The main thematic areas of training and consultancy are entrepreneurial processes and information technology.



Intercultural Business Improvement

Intercultural Business Improvement b.v.

Founded in 1996, Intercultural Business Improvement (IBI) has extensive experience in intercultural training, coaching and consulting.

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