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01 | U2VET Consortium's Productive Study Visit in Athens

This month, the **U2VET** consortium gathered in Athens for a productive two-day study visit focused on discussing **inclusion** and **education**. Our program was packed with insightful sessions, including strategies for teaching Greek as a second language to refugees and migrants. We also delved into various support mechanisms and explored ways to offer more flexibility to our international students. In addition to the sessions, we had the opportunity to tour **AKMI's** various **campuses** and **facilities**, gaining a richer understanding of the diversity in our educational approaches. This hands-on experience allowed us to see firsthand

the innovative methods being implemented to enhance **learning outcomes** for all students.

On the **second day**, we engaged in numerous presentations and meetings with all our partners. This gathering marked our **6th steering group meeting**, serving as a crucial platform to discuss various challenges and strategize on achieving our **goals**. The collaboration and exchange of ideas during these meetings are vital for the continued success of the U2VET project.

Looking ahead, the U2VET project will be producing a series of videos and informative materials as part of our **WP2 activities** in the coming months. These resources aim to further support our mission of promoting inclusion and improving education for all students within our network. Specifically, we will be creating several videos tailored for **VET staff**. These videos will focus on training our professionals to effectively support **Ukrainian refugees**, assess their prior skills, and understand their needs for personal and professional growth. By equipping our staff with these tools, we aim to foster a more **inclusive** and **responsive educational environment** that caters to the diverse backgrounds and aspirations of all our learners.

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02 | Transnational Joint Staff Training Activity of UpSailing Project Held in Rome

The transnational **Joint Staff Training Activity (JSTA)** of the **UpSailing** project took place earlier this month in the Italian capital city, Rome. A group of **16 VET teachers/trainers** from **Italy, Greece, Malta, and Portugal** had an influential meeting at the premises of the Italian partner **CONFITARMA** on the 4th and 5th of June. They participated in informal training activities, experts' speeches, and live discussions, exploring new dimensions of green skills in the maritime sector.

Following an introductory online session that covered the project description and its main results, the first day of the face-to-face activity was dedicated to the **green transition** in the **maritime sector**. This session focused on the introduction of green innovations, the exchange of good practices, and communication and negotiation with diverse stakeholders. The second day emphasized **maritime education** and its crucial role in enhancing the industry's green transition, allowing teachers and trainers from the partner countries to share their experiences. Participants also visited **Marevivo**, an Italian nautical NGO that promotes **green shipping**, as part of their activities.

The JSTA concluded on the 17th of June with a **final online session** that encompassed lessons learned and valuable messages, as well as the **evaluation** of this training experience by the participants.

If you wish to attend the asynchronous training, you still have time! The **e-learning** platform will be open for registrations until the end of July.

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03 | AKMI Joins Care4Skills Kick-off Meeting in Brussels!

On May 23, 2024, **AKMI** participated in the **Kick-off Meeting** of the **Care4Skills** project in Brussels. This 4-years groundbreaking project, part of the **Alliances for Sectoral Cooperation on Skills** programme and coordinated by **EASPD - European Association of Service providers for Persons with Disabilities**, is set to revolutionize the long-term care (LTC) sector across European Union.

Bringing together **6 European platforms** (EASPD, EAN, EPSU, Social Employers, EVBB & SSE) and **22 organizations** from 10 countries (BE, BU, CZ, FI, FR, GR, HU, IT, NL, ES), a dynamic mix of **social sector representatives**, **VET providers**, **HEIs**, and a **certification body**, we're on a mission to enhance the quality of LTC through tailored upskilling and reskilling programs.

Over the next 4 years, **Care4Skills** aims to make a lasting impact on **LTC sector**, improve the quality of life for those in care and their families, and train **1500**

frontline workers in the first year alone. Plus, we're developing a standardized methodology for skill needs anticipation, **new modular VET curricula**, **European Strategy for Skills in LTC** and launch **European and national certifications** of the curricula.

The **Care4Skills** project aims to prepare the LTC workforce for **high-quality, person-centered care** in an increasingly digital world. Stay tuned for more updates on this transformative initiative!

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04 | Exciting Meeting with CNOS FAP in Athens!

Last week, we hosted the **project managers** from our valuable Italian partner, **CNOS FAP**, in our premises in Athens! We shared updates of our current projects, insights during **workshops**, generating new ideas for future **Erasmus projects**. Exploring Athens' attractions and savoring Greek cuisine added a rich cultural experience to their visit.

This meeting not only reinforced our existing partnership but also paved the way for **enhanced collaboration** on impactful projects ahead. We are excited about the prospects that lie ahead as we continue to work closely with **CNOS FAP**. Together, we are committed to fostering **international cooperation** and advancing **educational excellence** through the Erasmus program. Stay tuned as we share more updates on our journey of mutual growth and achievement!

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05 | DigiGreen Post TPM Success in Timisoara!

The recent **Transnational Project Meeting (TPM)** in **Timisoara, Romania**, was a significant milestone for the **DigiGreen** initiative. Hosted by **CPIP Romania - Centrul pentru Promovarea Invatarii Permanente**, the event set a clear path for the project's future.

Key Highlights

- **WP4:** Developing New Skills Curricula Focused on creating new training schemes for DigiGreen postal employees, including an eLearning platform, face-to-face trainings, and over 200 hours of Work-Based Learning.
- **WP6:** Dual Recognition Scheme Aimed at leveraging microcredentials to provide recognized certifications in the postal sector.
- **WP1:** Project Management Ensured effective project management strategies.
- **WP2:** Quality Assurance Covered quality assurance and evaluation processes.
- **WP7:** Dissemination and Exploitation Highlighted activities to ensure the visibility and sustainability of project results.

Discussions also covered the WP5 pilot delivery of training sessions, marking a crucial step forward for the initiative. A big thank you to all participants and CPIP Romania for hosting. Stay tuned for the next steps in the DigiGreen project!

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06 | Internal Training at Metropolitan College Larissa

On June 20, 2024, AKMI International had the pleasure of conducting a comprehensive internal **training session** for students, trainers, and educational staff at **Metropolitan College** in Larissa. This training focused on **strategies for recruiting and retaining staff in the social sector**.

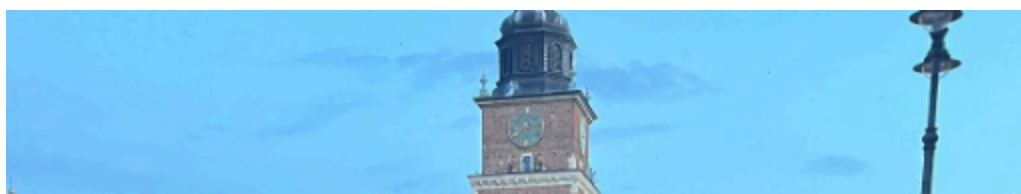
The session was part of the Erasmus+ project "**Recruiting and Retaining Staff in Social Services** (2022-1-CZ01-KA220-VET-000085721)," which aims to address critical workforce challenges in social services.

During the training, our representatives provided valuable insights into the Long-Term Care sector both in Greece and across the EU. Key topics covered included:

- **Effective Recruitment and Selection:** Best practices and strategies for attracting qualified candidates.
- **Challenges in Staff Retention:** Addressing the common hurdles in maintaining a stable workforce.
- **Lifelong Learning:** Emphasizing the importance of continuous education and professional development for staff.
- **Best Practices:** Sharing successful approaches and case studies from the field.

The session was hybrid, with a combination of **face to face** and **online speakers and participants**, with vivid discussions and case studies designed to enhance the understanding of the trainees and their skills in these crucial areas. The feedback from attendees was overwhelmingly **positive**, highlighting the relevance and applicability of the training content.

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07 | Adventure Abroad: AKMI Rhodes in Poland

Over the last two weeks, a dynamic team of **AKMI Design, Coaching, and Physiotherapy** students from **Rhodes** embarked on an enriching **ERASMUS Mobility** journey in **Krakow, Poland**, made possible through the collaboration of **AKMI** and **EDU-IT**. This initiative vividly demonstrates our dedication to promoting cross-cultural exchange and providing a comprehensive learning environment that blends education with unforgettable experiences!

During their stay, our students gained invaluable **work experience** with local companies, immersed themselves in the vibrant city life of Krakow, and had the opportunity to explore a fascinating salt mine, adding to their **cultural immersion**.

As we look ahead, more exciting **ERASMUS Mobilities** are planned in the coming months, promising further **enriching experiences** and **educational opportunities** for our students. Stay tuned as we continue to foster international connections and empower our students through global learning experiences!

Stay tuned



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