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01 | STARS: Olympic Spirit Ignites the Launch of the First Sports CoVE in Europe!

As France welcomes the world to the **2024 Summer Olympics**, the atmosphere is charged with excitement and anticipation. The Games, which began last week, have transformed Paris into a vibrant hub of sporting excellence and global unity.

Just days before the grand opening of the Olympics, representatives from the **Metropolitan College** and **AKMI VET School** joined the festivities in **Lille** and

Paris. The occasion was doubly significant, marking both the arrival of the Olympic flame from Greece and the launch of the groundbreaking **STARS** programme. STARS (short for Shaping Talents and Achieving Vocational Excellence in Sports), aims to revolutionize sports education and training. This innovative Erasmus initiative unites Ministries, Sports Schools, Federations, and Expert Enterprises from **France, Greece, Spain, and Germany**. It seeks to create a holistic **Centre of Vocational Excellence (CoVE)** in sports, setting new standards and bridging the gap between academia, sports institutions, and the professional world.

The STARS project aims to deliver substantial results: By fostering regional and EU-wide skills partnerships, developing a comprehensive sports education model, and promoting dual careers for athletes, the project will address key challenges in the sports sector. It also includes initiatives to combat **Gender-Based Violence**, enhance applied research, and improve the management of mega sports events. These efforts align closely with the standards of the **Olympic Games**, ensuring the project's contributions are both timely and impactful.

Metropolitan College and **AKMI VET** Institute are set to play pivotal roles in this initiative. They will lead the development of upskilling training courses for athletes and sports professionals and will validate prior learning to support career development. Their expertise will be crucial in designing educational frameworks that **empower individuals** and **open new pathways** in the sports industry.



The launch event was a resounding success. Hosted by **135 BPM** and the **Ministry of National Education and Youth**, the kickoff meeting in Lille brought together 17 European partners. Highlights included discussions on vocational education excellence, workshops on creating a holistic sports CoVE model, and a study visit to **Btwin Village**. The event culminated in Paris with a meeting at the **Ministry of Sports**, attended by the French Minister Amélie Oudéa-Castéra, further solidifying the project's importance and its connection to the Olympic spirit.



As the STARS programme takes off, it promises to leave a lasting legacy in sports education across Europe. **Metropolitan College** and **AKMI VET School** are proud to contribute to this transformative journey, shaping the future of sports professionals and fostering excellence. The synergy between the launch of STARS and the 2024 Olympics underscores a shared vision of innovation, collaboration, and excellence in sports.

Stay tuned

02 | AKMI VET Schools Shine at EVBB Innovative VET Practices Fair in Brussels



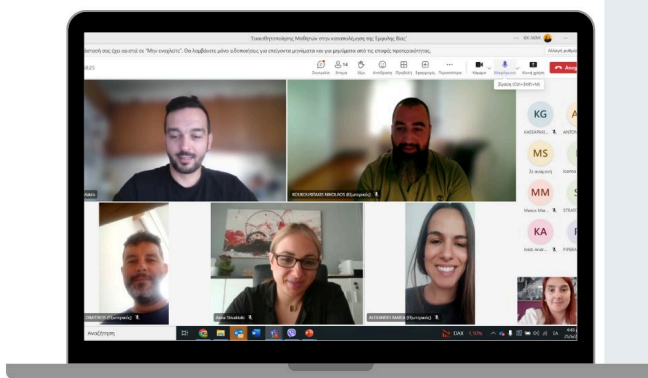


On July 17th, **AKMI** proudly participated in the **EVBB Innovative VET Practices Fair**, a vibrant event that showcased groundbreaking initiatives within vocational education and training. The fair attracted over **40 in-person and 75 online participants**, highlighting projects such as CollaboratiVET and END GBV in VET, where AKMI played a crucial role.

During the event, the final results and milestones of the **END GBV in VET** project were presented, a pioneering initiative aimed at addressing gender-based violence within VET institutions. This project is especially significant for **AKMI** as we were responsible for developing comprehensive **training programs** for **students, teachers, and parents**. These programs are designed to equip our community with the knowledge and tools necessary to combat GBV effectively.

The fair featured a keynote presentation by **Mrs Vera Leuner** from the **European Commission**, focusing on advancing gender equality in VET. Engaging workshops and interactive group discussions followed, with **Mrs Chiara Antonelli** from **European Schoolnet** leading a session on the lessons learned from other GBV prevention programs. These discussions underscored the importance of our collective efforts in fostering safer and more inclusive educational environments.

END GBV in VET



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Successful Trainings at AKMI in Crete

Just days before the Fair, **AKMI** branch in Crete hosted two highly successful online training sessions with students and teachers. These workshops, organized with the kind support of the School Director **Mrs. Anna Stivaktaki**, were part of our shared commitment to promote the **END GBV in VET** Project. The sessions were met with enthusiasm and active participation, reflecting the community's strong engagement and dedication to addressing GBV.

Students expressed their appreciation for the new insights gained, with many eager to continue learning about these crucial topics. One student remarked, **“We have learned something new, and we want to continue learning because it’s beneficial for us.”** Teachers also found the interactive techniques used in the

workshops highly effective, noting the empathy and sensitivity with which the topic was handled.

We thank everyone who participated in the **EVBB Innovative VET Practices Fair** and our recent training sessions. Your engagement and dedication are vital to the success of these initiatives. Together, we are building a future defined by **equality, respect, and dignity** for all. Stay tuned for more updates and opportunities to get involved in the END GBV in VET Project!

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European Educational Symposium
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IN LONG-TERM-CARE**
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03 | Shaping the Future of Long-Term Care: Insights from the LSSP Meeting

We are excited to share the insights from the recent meeting for the **Large-Scale Skills Partnership (LSSP) in the Long-Term Care (LTC) sector**.

Held on July 18, 2024, this event brought together **key stakeholders** and **experts** in an engaging and enlightening discussion on the future of long-term care. The meeting highlighted the critical need to assess and address the evolving skill requirements within the LTC workforce. A major focus was placed on enhancing digital and person-centered skills among professionals, aligning with the **European Care Strategy** and the broader **European Skills Agenda**. These efforts are essential for meeting increasing service demands, adapting to digital transformations, and improving workforce conditions.

A highlight of the meeting was the announcement by AKMI regarding the upcoming **European Educational Symposium in Athens**, scheduled for September. This symposium will focus on crucial topics such as **integrating digital skills** into care practices, **promoting person-centered approaches**, and the necessity of **continuous professional development**. The symposium will serve as a basis for exchanging knowledge and best practices, reinforcing the partnership's goal of fostering a skilled and adaptable workforce to meet the sector's growing and evolving demands.

We look forward to the next steps, as we strive to enhance the quality and accessibility of long-term care across Europe.



04 | Celebrating Our Trainees' Success

We are excited to announce that our traineeship program has successfully concluded, with **Sofia** from Greece, and **Vera**, **Annie**, and **Alex** from Spain completing their training at **AKMI International**. Each of these talented individuals brought dedication, fresh perspectives, and enthusiasm to our team, making significant contributions to our projects and workplace culture.

We are particularly thrilled to share that Sofia has accepted a permanent position with us, becoming an **official member** of the **AKMI International team**. Her outstanding performance and commitment during her traineeship have made her an invaluable asset, and we look forward to her continued contributions and growth within our organization.

Congratulations to Sofia, Vera, Annie, and Alex on their remarkable achievements. We are proud of their hard work and are confident they will continue to succeed in their future endeavors. Please join us in celebrating their accomplishments and welcoming Sofia to our team!

Stay tuned



05 | E-Craft and ReBreeding: Advancing Education and Sustainability

E-Craft: Creativity and Game-Based Learning in Education

The **E-Craft** project—Entrepreneurship, Creativity, and Arts for Future Teaching—has significantly impacted education by integrating creative and artistic approaches. With 11 partners from Italy, Greece, Spain, and Portugal, and a final evaluation score of **98/100** from the Italian National Agency, E-Craft has exceeded its objectives.

Highlights:

- **Study Course:** A course on entrepreneurial and digital communication skills based on focus groups in Spain, Portugal, Italy, and Greece.
- **Online Platform:** Four micro-learning modules (Creativity and Innovation, Self-Employment Entrepreneurship, Communication and Marketing of Fine Crafts, and AR and VR Design) available as Open Educational Resources.
- **Teacher's Manual:** A resource to integrate art, culture, and entrepreneurship in teaching.
- **Training Activities:** Hands-on events in Italy and Portugal promoting international collaboration.
- **E-Craft Competition:** An event where students showcased their innovative ideas, fostering teamwork and entrepreneurial spirit.

AKMI's Role: AKMI developed the manual, managed the project's website, ensured quality assurance, and designed the training modules.

AKMI's Success in ReBreeding Erasmus+ Project

AKMI also successfully participated in the **ReBreeding** Erasmus+ project, scoring **83/100**. This initiative, involving partners from Turkey, Cyprus, Lithuania, Ireland, and Poland, focused on reducing food waste and promoting sustainable bread-making practices as part of the **European Green Deal's 'Farm to Fork' strategy**.

Highlights:

- **Sustainable Practices:** Collaboration with local farmers, reducing emissions, using plastic-free packaging, and adopting eco-friendly methods.
- **Healthier Bread:** Emphasis on nutritious ingredients and traditional techniques.
- **VET Impact:** Assisting educators in adapting to labor market needs, green transitions, and digital advancements.
- **Training Resources:** ReBreeding Training Curriculum and Interactive Guidebook for new bread-making professionals.

For more information about the ReBreeding project and its results, educators and students can access detailed resources and guides.

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