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01 | Building the Future of Adult Learning in

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From November 25 to 26, **AKMI International** was honored to participate in the **Adult Learning in VET: The Role of Centres of Vocational Excellence (CoVEs)** event, an initiative by the **European Training Foundation**. Co-organized by the **European Association of Institutes for Vocational Training (EVBB)**, the **European Vocational Training Association (EVTA)**, and **EfVET**, the event was held in the vibrant city of Turin, Italy.

Our **Director, Theodor Grassos**, proudly represented **AKMI International** in this inspiring gathering of experts, educators, and policymakers. The event addressed the most pressing challenges in adult learning, fostering engaging discussions and presenting innovative ideas.

Key Insights:

- **Learner-Centered Approaches:** Adult learning must prioritize flexible and tailored solutions to meet the diverse needs of learners.
- **Collaboration Across Sectors:** Connecting policymakers, educators, enterprises, and communities is crucial to building stronger lifelong learning ecosystems.
- **Relevance to Labor Market Needs:** Bridging education with the labor market ensures that learners acquire skills that enhance employability.
- **Empowering Educators:** Providing modern tools and robust support systems for educators is essential for effective adult learning.

At AKMI International, we are committed to advancing vocational education and training as a driver of growth, inclusion, and empowerment. This event marks just the beginning of our continued efforts to shape the future of lifelong learning.

02 | MoMaVET Mobility Flow in Athens





Earlier in December, during the week of 9 to 13 December, **AKMI** welcomed **10 students** and **2 trainers** from Albania, from the School of Hospitality and Tourism in Tirana and the Vocational School “Hysen Çela” in Durrës, in Athens.

This mobility flow was organized as part of the **MoMaVET** project and AKMI is the **lead partner** for the mobilities (evaluation, organization, implementation) in this project, starting with this first flow. In total, the mobilities will be organized in 5 phases from December to summer 2025 in Athens, involving **50 students** and **10 teachers** from Albania.

In this mobility phase, we hosted students from two different fields: **Hospitality and Hotel Management and Culinary Studies**. The program was quite extensive and the participants had the opportunity to visit, learn and practice many things relevant to their field of study.



Key Highlights

Students had the opportunity to observe and learn about the work processes at the local pizzeria *Galeone* and participate in a short workshop on pizza techniques. They also

visited *Varvakeios Market*, a local food market, to learn about the role of this local market and have conversations with butchers, fishmongers and food vendors. They also visited *Airvissa Travel* and learned a lot about how a travel agency works and discussed the challenges and trends in the travel and tourism industry with the staff. The students also visited the *Shedia Home*, where the co-founder presented this social project that helps disadvantaged people, especially the homeless people.

AKMI and especially the **Hospitality and Culinary Campus** hosted the students in their premises where they had a great experience with a **cooking workshop** led by **Executive Chef, Stavros Zeakis**, a tour of the facilities of the Tourism Department and a short cocktail masterclass. They also visited the **Melia Hotel**, a 4-star hotel in the city center, and observed the kitchen and operations of the hotel, being divided into two groups according to their profile.



They also had two different cultural activities. The first was a visit to the *Pyrgos Vassilisis* winery, where they had the opportunity to take part in a guided tour of the facilities, learn about the history and process of winemaking and taste six different wines, three white and three red. The second cultural activity was a guided tour of the Acropolis and its surroundings.

Overall, **MoMaVET** is an Erasmus+ capacity building project in Vocational Education and Training that aims to strengthen the capacity of both the Albanian authorities responsible

for the VET system and the national vocational schools in order to improve the country's strategy for utilising Erasmus+ mobility opportunities.

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03 | Empowering Vocational Education: Highlights from the MoVET Project



The **MoVET project** has been a remarkable journey, fostering growth and collaboration in vocational education and training. Here are the key highlights from the recent activities:

Short-Term Mobilities: Students from Kosovo

AKMI International proudly hosted the final short-term mobility of students from Kosovo. Over 15 days, these students had the opportunity to visit several companies in their respective sectors and engage in meaningful discussions with labor market

representatives. These visits allowed students to explore various job aspects related to their chosen specialties.

While at the **AKMI** premises, students experienced innovative practices in studying and hands-on training within their fields, broadening their perspectives and enhancing their skills for future employment.



Joint Staff Training (JST) in Athens

A three-day Joint Staff Training event brought together representatives from all partner organizations to Athens. Participants collaborated on evaluating the quality of mobilities implemented throughout the project. They shared lessons learned, discussed challenges faced, and explored strategies for future improvements. This collaborative effort underscored the importance of quality assurance in mobility programs.

Final Conference in Brussels

The project concluded with a prestigious **Final Conference** hosted by the **European Vocational Training Association (EVTA)** in Brussels. This event celebrated the achievements of the **MoVET project** and highlighted its impact on vocational education and training across Europe. Stakeholders and partners gathered to reflect on the project's milestones and discuss its legacy.



Final Webinar

The closing activity of the **MoVET project** was a **Final Webinar** conducted online. This event provided an inclusive platform for all stakeholders to review the project's outcomes and discuss its future implications. It also offered an opportunity for wider dissemination of the knowledge and best practices developed during the project.

Moving Forward

The **MoVET project** has successfully demonstrated the power of collaboration in shaping the future of vocational education and training. We are excited to build on these achievements and continue empowering learners and professionals across Europe.

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04 | Strengthening Bonds Through Voluntary Action





On December 11th and 18th, **AKMI International** organized two meaningful voluntary activities with **Finareti**, an NGO supporting parenting and vulnerable families through the “*Baby Bank*” program. Eight employees, alongside our **Director, Theodor Grassos**, assisted in quality checking and sorting hundreds of clothes, toys, and items for children up to five years old, significantly contributing to the program’s success.

These activities not only showcased AKMI’s commitment to social impact but also provided **team bonding** and a **sense of fulfillment** for participants. Building on this success, AKMI International plans to develop a cohesive voluntary action plan to further enhance its social contribution and employee engagement.

By nurturing a culture of care and collaboration, AKMI International continues to lead by example, inspiring others to join in creating *a lasting positive impact on society*.

Stay tuned



May this holiday season bring joy, warmth, and inspiration to you and your loved ones. Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with health, happiness, and continued success in all our endeavors together!

Warm regards,
The AKMI International Team

