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01 | Winter Camp on Vocational Excellence: How VET is Shaping a Better Future

The Winter Camp on Vocational Excellence, titled “...and this is how VET saved the (human) world – Learners’ journey in a CoVE”, took place in Nova Gorica, Slovenia. Representing the Centre of Vocational Excellence (CoVE) project TourX on sustainable tourism education (Project Number 101056184), Marievi Grets, Team Leader at AKMI SA, participated in the camp, contributing to this unique exchange of ideas and practices.

During the Winter Camp on Vocational Excellence, AKMI reaffirmed its commitment to becoming a benchmark in Vocational Education and Training (VET). By actively engaging in European initiatives and promoting excellence in skills development, AKMI is on a clear path to becoming a VET Excellence School. Through strong partnerships, innovation in teaching methods, and a learner-centered approach, AKMI is shaping a future where vocational education is not just an alternative, but a top choice for young people seeking meaningful and future-proof careers.

This inspiring initiative was part of the EU-funded project Internationalising Vocational Excellence, implemented by the European Training Foundation (ETF). The camp featured an engaging and interactive programme designed by three experienced CoVEs—Talentjourney, GreenoVET, and PoVE Water—who shared their expertise, tools, and insights. The event was organised in close cooperation with EfVET, EVBB, and EVTA, bringing together a diverse community of professionals and educators from across Europe.

During the camp, participants explored new ways of teaching and learning, focusing on agile skills, personalisation and innovation in vocational education. Emphasis was also placed on building strong cross-sector partnerships, improving mental health and inclusion within learning environments, and developing long-term strategies for governance, funding, and policy support. The future of VET was at the heart of discussions, particularly in relation to digital transformation, sustainability, and the importance of green skills in preparing a resilient workforce.

The Winter Camp served as a powerful reminder that excellence in vocational education is not a destination but an ongoing process. Through collaboration, creativity, and inclusion, VET can empower individuals, strengthen communities, and contribute meaningfully to addressing global challenges. A sincere thank you to all participants for their energy and commitment—together, we continue shaping the future of vocational excellence.



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02 | ALLIANCE kick off meeting in AKMI International



Our team came together for the first time at the Project Alliance Kick-Off Meeting in Athens, marking the beginning of an exciting and meaningful collaboration. This event brought together partners from diverse backgrounds to connect, share ideas, and align on a common vision for the journey ahead. The atmosphere was energetic and productive, setting the tone for a strong and united partnership.

During the meeting, we explored the project's core objectives and long-term goals, ensuring that everyone is aligned and understands their role in the bigger picture. Thoughtful discussions helped define responsibilities, clarify expectations, and establish key milestones that will guide us through the next phases of the project. Together, we created a roadmap that outlines our direction and highlights important steps such as the upcoming study visits.

With the kick-off complete, our focus now shifts to research and preparation. Teams are already diving into their respective areas of study, collecting insights

and data that will inform the work to come. The planned study visits to Athens and Brussels will offer valuable opportunities for knowledge exchange, hands-on learning, and strengthening our collaboration.

We're excited about what lies ahead and are confident that, with continued teamwork and shared purpose, Project Alliance will make a meaningful impact. Stay tuned for more updates as we move forward together!



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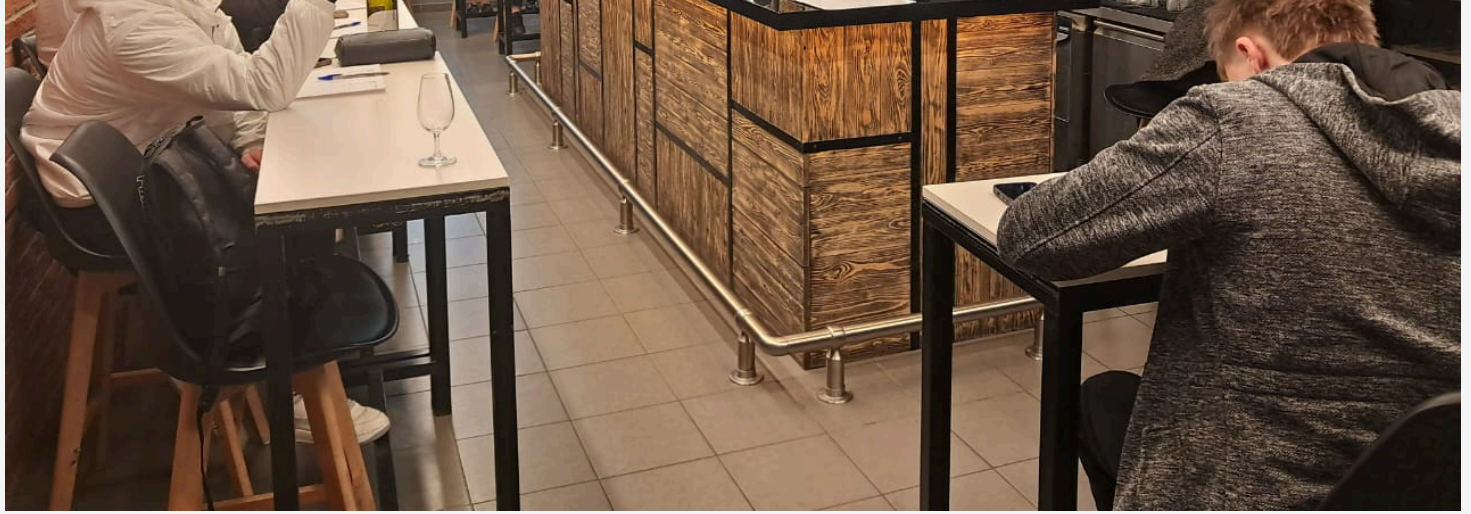




In mid-March, AKMI hosted 20 VET learners and 4 trainers from Tourism and Hospitality Departments of 4 different VET schools of Albania (Tirana, Korçe, Vlorë and Elbasan). As the Lead Partner of the mobilities, AKMI welcomed the group in Athens within the EU-funded project, MoMaVET.

The participants had the opportunity to visit a cafeteria and learnt about the preparation of different types of coffee, a local pizzeria, a local food market, a travel agency, a 4-star hotel and a local winery. They also learned about an interesting project that helps people with disabilities to integrate into the labour market and took a tour of the Acropolis.





On Wednesday, 19th of March, the Hospitality and Culinary Campus of AKMI VET school hosted the students in their premises where they had a great experience with a cookery workshop, a tour of the tourism department facilities and a short wine tasting and masterclass. At the end of the day, the teachers and learners from the Albanian VET schools had a unique fine-dining experience in AKMI's "Kum-Quat" restaurant, being served by AKMI Culinary learners and attending how their peers offer the respective services.

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04 | Multiplier Event of Modes in Athens





On January 30 2025, the **Multiplier Event of MODES** was implemented in Athens with local and international students.

Over the **Multiplier Event**, participants had the opportunity to get to know the project, its scope and objectives, explore project results, navigate through the E-platform and discuss the current educational system and the improvement the project will bring.

The **MODES project** aims to improve the learning experience of foreign students by addressing the issue of cultural shock that many students face, which often limits the quality of their international experiences, enhancing the experience of international students by supporting dedicated programs for teachers that lead to greater inclusion during educational activities.

Discover our platform here: <https://modes-elearning.eu/>

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