



SELF-MANAGEMENT, ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND
INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY IN VET STUDENT

SELF-MANAGEMENT, ENTREPRENEURSHIP & INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY (SMART VET)

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What is this project about?

SMART VET brings together a Strategic cross-sectorial Partnership of VET organizations, SMEs and youth organizations aiming at preparing a high quality improvement program specifically designed to increase the ability of VET teachers, trainers and mentors to foster VET students' transition to the labour market.

Despite being the most academically qualified generation ever and facing all this pressure to succeed professionally, employers consistently report that young people are unprepared and unequipped to enter the workplace when they leave full-time education - lacking a broad range of soft skills. The project contributes to the VET students' employability skills increase, especially during suspension periods as the lockdown due to the COVID-19 crisis. This will directly support "apprentices who are forced to take breaks in training within the workplace or are unable to work due to COVID-19 related prevention measures or illness" as allowed by the UK Department for Education, 2020.

For this reason, the 7 partners, coming from different sector sands with different specialties and capitalizing on experience in VET services, employment services, skills development, formal and non-formal education, decided to share their expertise to develop new tools and design materials to support apprentices/VET students to enhance the transversal skills needed by the current labour market.

COOPERATION PROGRESS AND ACTUAL ACTIVITIES

IO1 SMART VET CHALLENGES e-course

The interactive materials (exercises, quizzes, games) including the challenges based on work-related situations, have been finalized and translated in to the partners languages.

The e-course offers a useful support to equip students with the knowledge and skills they need when they enter the labour market. The on line materials are composed by both theoretic and practical resources, conceived to meet the learning needs and constraints of the target group. The course provides meaningful guidance on how companies function and what will be expected from them, once they are active part of the labour market.

By following the course, the users have the possibility to learn about these topics before they are entering the labour market and make them aware of the concrete contribution - based on their specialization and qualification - they can offer once they will be part of the company.



IO2 educators handbook

The document provides a new tool VET EDUCATORS' personal development, by presenting materials useful to boost their professionalism and increase their ability to support VET students to develop employability skills needed in the actual labour market.

In particular, the cross-sectorial approach will offer new inputs and information to supporting VET students, but also the unemployed and any young job seekers to get the knowledge and skills needed to be an effective and responsible employee.

By using this manual, VET EDUCATORS will understand and get a better insight on the main elements of the challenges and topics contained in the SMART program. The materials designed for VET students will offer a clear overview on topics as how firms and companies are structured and how they operate or what is the workplace etiquette. The course also offer a brief overview on each and every module in the SMART program to provide a fast and easy way for educators to get informed on the program and being able to replicate it.



Next steps

Training course for educators in VET and higher education

Partners are going to organize a 3 hours long training section, during which you will present the contents of the SMART VET program. We are actually selecting 5 among VET teachers mentor, trainers, HR managers, (private and public) employment centre operators, stakeholders and experts in labour market issues.

The aim of the training is to increase teachers understanding of the SMART program and involve them to run the local piloting with the students.

Check the partners' websites for more information

Validation of the SMART VET e-course for students

Each partner will run a testing program in their area, with the students of different VET schools and High schools in their Countries. The aim of this activity is to make sure the course is adequate and effective for our students and

We are aiming at involving at least 175 students. Please contact us if you are interested.

Check the partners' websites for more information

<https://smartvetproject.org>

SMART VET partners

- ✓ Restorative Justice for All International Institute cic (RJ4All) - UK
- ✓ RESEARCH AND EDUCATION OF SOCIAL EMPOWERMENT AND TRANSFORMATION- RESET LTD (RESET) - Cyprus
- ✓ Namoi - Russian Federation
- ✓ FRAMEWORK Association (FRAMEWORK) - Italy
- ✓ Karavan İnsan Kaynaklarını Geliştirme ve Gençlik Derneği - Turkey
- ✓ Social Innovation and Cohesion Institute (Fifty-Fifty) - Greece
- ✓ AB Çalışmaları Merkezi Derneği - Turkey

