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Apprenticeship HUBs in agro-food sector

Apprenticeship HUBs project aims at developing partnerships between VET providers and companies in the agricultural and small food industry sectors. These partnerships will be supported by Apprenticeship Hubs, operating through local development agencies, agricultural cooperatives, chambers, social partners and other similar organizations. The aim of these Hubs is to promote work-based learning of students of agro-food VET schools by working as apprentices in small and medium sized agro-food farms, cooperatives and industries.

PARTNERS

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IDEC (Greece)

INASO-PASEGES (Greece)

Regione Toscana (Italy)

Trebag (Hungary)

HPPC (Hungary)

PROJECT RESULTS

Model of Apprenticeship HUB, to increase the offer of apprenticeship positions in agricultural establishments and small food industries and provide support on organising apprenticeships

Four pilot Apprenticeship HUBs in Croatia, Greece, Italy and Hungary

Apprenticeship HUBs web platform to act as a support tool for the operation of the apprenticeship HUBs

OUR LATEST NEWS!

Short-term joint staff training event in Florence

On 18th-21nd of February 2020 a short-term joint staff training event for Apprenticeship HUBs staff was organised in Florence. In this training, members of partner organisations which will run the Apprenticeship HUBs and experts from partners' organisations not running the HUB took part. A five days training was a capacity building learning activity which main objective was to train staff of Apprenticeship HUBs in order they will be able to offer their services to VET providers and companies.

During the first day of the training, a series of good practices in apprenticeship from other countries were presented in the morning session, while in the afternoon the participants visited Ruffino winemaking companies and discussed on spot their experiences in apprenticeship.

The following two days of the training were dedicated to the functioning of the Apprenticeship HUBs: presentations of the HUB model and operation manual were made, as well as a series of group activities concerning the adaptation of the HUBs to the national contexts. A special attention was dedicated to the electronic platform and its usage, as the platform is at this stage of the project fully developed and ready to use. Also, a series of group activities were made in order to brainstorm the best ways on how to attract VET providers, small farms and other companies, as well as students in respective countries. The last day of the training a short transnational project meeting was held dedicated to the overview of the project activities and the ones ahead of the partnership.



The training took place in the premises of Tuscany Region and the coffee breaks, as well as the lunch on the first day of the training were prepared by the apprentices from Istituto Enogastronomico Bettino Ricasoli Siena, whom we once again say thank you!



A special thanks goes to our host, Tuscany Region, as well!

Activities conducted so far



IO 1 – Model of apprenticeship hub

After collecting data through surveys and defining good practices, the next step in establishing an Apprenticeship Hub model is development of a manual. The handbook provides guidelines for employees of apprenticeship hub.

The process of establishing the Apprenticeship Hub model consists of the following phases: 1. preparation; 2. implementation; 3. monitoring; 4. follow-up.

The manual was developed by the Greek partner INASO-PASEGES, based on the Apprenticeship Hub Model that was developed by TREBAG, and the partners needed to adapt it to their own national context (Croatian, Hungarian, Italian) in order to facilitate the process of establishing and setting up apprenticeship hubs.

IO2 – Apprenticeship Hubs web platform

The web platform is a supportive tool, necessary for the operation of Apprenticeship Hubs. The objectives of web platform are following:

- awareness raising;
- capacity building;
- networking.

The web platform is a powerful tool that will be used to reach key audience and stakeholders of the project. With help of social media and awareness raising campaigns (that are on of the main objectives of the web platform) apprenticeship hub staff will be able to establish and expand network of companies offering apprenticeship vacancies on national and international level. Apprenticeship Hub web platform will be available in English, as well as in partner languages. Stay tuned!

PROJECT OBJECTIVE

Apprenticeship HUBs in the agro-food sector is a project approved under the Call for Proposals for the Erasmus+ Programme for 2018, within the Key Activity 2 in the field of Vocational Education and Training.

Project objective is to contribute to better employment chances of students and graduates and better qualifications matching the needs of the small farms through the engagement of agricultural small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in apprenticeship schemes

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