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DEVELOPMENT OF SUSTAINABLE URBAN CENTRES WITH ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING (VET)

Trans-National Meeting in Brussels 11.02 – 12.02.2020 (6th meeting)

Report

By Per Nordmark,
Vestland County Council



Partners´ representatives at the 6th transnational meeting, 11th - 12th February 2020 at Norway House, Brussels, Belgium

Country	Organisation	First Name	Surname
Norway	Vestland county council	Per	Nordmark
Norway	Vestland county council (co-partner)	Tor Ivar	Sagen Sandvik
Norway	Nordhordland Næringslag	Vivian	Kårbø
Norway	Oygarden municipality	Anne Elisabeth	Swensson
Norway	Knarvik upper secondary school	Rune	Nesse
Norway	Vestland count council, dep. strategic development	Tina Kvammen Mjøs	Sinclair
Norway	Knarvik upper secondary school	Kari Espelund	Bruvik
Norway	Vestland County Council, International section	Marit Kristine	Einen
Norway	Alver municipality (co-partner)	Trude	Langedal
Norway	Alver municipality (co-partner)	Kristin	Nåmdal
Norway	Alver municipality (co-partner)	Helen	Gjærde
Catalonia, Spain	Barcelona Activa	Cinta	Arasa
Catalonia, Spain	Barcelona Activa	Sara	Casas Torrens
Italy	Agenzia Umbria Ricerche	Daniele	Adanti
Italy	IPIA Orfini, Foligno	Mariarita	Trampetti
Italy	IPIA Orfini, Foligno	Gabriella	Venturini
Italy	IPIA Orfini, Foligno	Catia	Piermarini
Italy	IPIA Orfini, Foligno	Daniela	Volpe
Slovenia	Šolski center Kranj (Kranj School Centre)	Nataša	Kristan Primšar
Slovenia	Šolski center Kranj	Lidija	Grmek Zupanc
Belgium	EARLALL	Luis	Miranda
Belgium	EARLALL	Noelia	Cantero
Slovenia	BSC Kranj (Absent)		
Norway	Sotra upper secondary school (Absent)		



Partners' participants at the Multiplier Event, Brussels 12th February 2020



“VET in Urban Centres” Project documents prepared ahead of the final transnational meeting

Trans-National Project Meeting, Brussels 11th – 12th February 2020

The objective of the last project meeting is:

To conclude on the two intellectual outputs.

To conclude on how and where to present the outputs on the intellectual outputs.

To conclude on what is the main lesson learnt and the achievements made as a result of the strategic partnership.

To agree on how to present these results.

To prepare for a smooth and correct ending of the project including a final report according to requirements.

Agenda Project Meeting

Tuesday 11th February 0900 – 1600

09:00 – 09:15 Coffee/tea

09:15 – 09:30 Welcome to Brussels

09:30 – 09:40 Agenda for Brussels Project Meeting – approval/adjustments

09:40 – 10:00 Report from last meeting in Hordaland – comments/approval

10:00 – 10:10 Reporting procedures and responsibility for the Brussel meeting

10:10 – 11:00 Brief update by partners on:

- a. Activities, experiences, successes and challenges related to project topics since last meeting
 - i. By all partners
 - ii. Presentation of project document on IO 2, by coordinator

11:00 – 12:00 Brief updates by partners on:

- b. Work and results related to IO 2 in the various regions:
 - i. By partners in Hordaland
 - ii. By partners in Gorenjska
 - iii. By partners in Umbria
 - iv. By partners in Barcelona (reflecting on practical experiences)

12:00 – 13:00 Lunch

13:00 – 13:30 Project's final report:

- c. Partners duties and contributions according to application
- d. Requirements to partners on information, - with delivery dates to coordinator
- e. Distribution of duties

13:00 – 13:45 Status on economy and last transfer of funding to partners

13:45 – 14:00 Production and distribution of final project documents

14:00 – 14:15 Closure of the Strategic partnership

14:15 – 14:30 Coffee/tea break

14:30 – 15:00 Possibilities and interest in future co-operations between partners

15:00 – 15:45 Preparations for presentations/contributions/coordination of partners in the multiplier event
12th February

15:45 – 16:00 Any other business

Evening Project dinner

12th February Dissemination Meeting/ Multiplier Event

The objective of the Dissemination Meeting is:



Brussels Breakfast

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DRAFT PROGRAMME

The event will take place at the Norway House, rue Archimède 17, Brussels (Belgium), on 12 February 2020.

Draft agenda

9:00 h Registration and welcome networking coffee

9:15 - 9:20 h Welcome words by Ms. Merete Mikkelsen, Director, West Norway Office

9:20 - 9:35 h Introduction to the project and IOs by Mr. Per Nordmark, Senior Advisor and VET in Urban Centres Project Coordinator, Vestland County Council

9:35 - 10:00 h Project results and implementation in European regions:

- Catalonia: Ms. Cinta Arasa, International Projects and EU Funds Officer, and Ms. Sara Casas, Head of Employment Crosscutting Programmes, Barcelona Activa
- Gorenška: Ms. Nataša Kristan Primšar, Head of Intercompany Education and Training Centre, Šolski center Kranj
- Umbria: Ms. Mariarita Trampetti, VET School Headmistress, Istituto Professionale E. Orfini, Foligno
- Vestland: Ms. Vivian Kårbø, Project Manager, Nordhordland Næringslag

10:00 - 11 h Panel discussion: looking to the future

- Mr. João Santos, Senior Expert, European Commission, Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs, and Inclusion
- Mr. Norbert Schöbel, Team Leader for Policy in Action: VET and Adult learning Initiatives, European Commission, Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs, and Inclusion
- Ms. Tatjana Babrauskienė, Workers' Group, European Economic and Social Committee, tbc.
- Mr. Antoine Frémont, Deputy Vice-president for Research, Université Gustave Eiffel
- Ms. Ragnhild Solvi Berg, Senior Adviser, Diku - Norwegian Agency for International Cooperation and Quality Enhancement in Higher Education

VET in Urban Centres: Exchange and inspiration in Brussels

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The Erasmus+ KA2 VET (Vocational Education and Training) in Urban Centres project is coming to an end, and all the partners involved in it presented in Brussels the results and learning outcomes of their experience as an international partnership. The Norway House in the heart of the European quartier hosted the last partner meeting and the multiplier event “VET in Urban Centres | Brussels Breakfast” on 11 and 12 February 2020, respectively. The latter allowed the participation of different stakeholder representatives to show their views on the project outcomes and provide new insights for the future of multi-stakeholder involvement in urban planning with a strong commitment from the Vocational Education and Training (VET) sector.

Ms. Merete Mikkelsen (Director of the West Norway Office), welcomed all invited participants and speakers and remarked the importance of the visibility of activities at local level in the European arena. Her welcome remarks were followed by the introduction of project outputs by Mr. Per Nordmark (Project Coordinator from Vestland County Council): a) a local cooperation model for the development of sustainable of urban centres involving the VET sector; and b) an educational VET programme for the development of urban centres.

Afterwards, representatives from all participating regions in the project introduced the impact that “VET in Urban Centres” had had in their local communities: Ms. Cinta Arasa and Ms. Sara Casas (Barcelona Activa), Ms. Nataša Kristan Primšar (Šolski center Kranj), Ms. Mariarita Trampetti (E. Orfini VET school in Foligno, Umbria) and Ms. Vivian Kårbø (Nordhordland Næringslag). They offered different visions from the local public employment services to the VET centres, tackling also the role of companies.



- VET in Urban Centres project consortium

- Panel discussion with project partners



- Ms. Merete Mikkelsen, West Norway Office

PANEL PRESENTATIONS

A panel of experts followed integrating the vision of the European institutions (European Commission and European Economic and Social Committee) and research bodies (Université Gustave Eiffel and Diku).

Mr. João Santos (Senior Expert, European Commission, Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs, and Inclusion) presented the Centres of Vocational Excellence initiative and its connection to building skills ecosystems.

Then, Mr. Norbert Schöbel (Team Leader for Policy in Action: VET and Adult learning Initiatives, European Commission, Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs, and Inclusion) underlined the role of the European Alliance for Apprenticeships (EAfA), which “unites governments and key stakeholders with the aim of strengthening the quality, supply and overall image of apprenticeships across Europe” (source: [European Commission](#)) and the recent initiative of building a cities’ network within it.

On another note, Ms. Tatjana Babrauskienė (Workers’ Group, European Economic and Social Committee) introduced the opinion [“Sustainable funding for lifelong learning and development of skills, in the context of a shortage of skilled labour”](#), which is being elaborated at the request of the Croatian Presidency of the Council.

From the universities’ side, Mr. Antoine Frémont (Deputy Vice-president for Research, Université Gustave Eiffel) presented the European Urban Institute, a new institution that seeks to connect urban transformations with local realities and metropolitan regions.

Lastly, Ms. Ragnhild Solvi Berg (Senior Adviser at Diku – Norwegian Agency for International Cooperation and Quality Enhancement in Higher Education) highlighted the role of international cooperation in local development, and introduced two success stories of projects led by Norwegian institutions: [an exchange between four vocational schools](#) and the [VOLCANO project for the integration of third-country nationals](#).



- Mr. Norbert Schöbel, EC DG EMPL

- Ms. Tatjana Babrauskienė, EESC



- Mr. João Santos, EC DG EMPL



- Ms. Ragnhild Solvi Berg, Diku

The day after (13 February), Mr. Per Nordmark, project coordinator, moderated a panel during the EAFA Get Together! event hosted by the European Commission in Brussels, during which he also had the chance to introduce the project to a variety of stakeholders, including companies, VET providers, regional and local authorities, and apprentice organisations.

Multiplier event presentations

Introduction to the project and partner presentations

Introduction to the project and IOs by Mr. Per Nordmark, Senior Advisor and VET in Urban Centres Project Coordinator, Vestland County Council
Catalonia: Ms. Cinta Arasa, International Projects and EU Funds Officer, and Ms. Sara Casas, Employment Programmes' Coordinator, Barcelona Activa
Gorenška: Ms. Nataša Kristan Primšar, Head of Intercompany Education and Training Centre, Šolski center Kranj
Umbria: Ms. Mariarita Trampetti, VET School Headmistress, Istituto Professionale E. Orfini, Foligno
Vestland: Ms. Vivian Kårbø, Project Manager, Nordhordland Næringslag



Norway House



Sara, Cinta and Mariarita gives presentations



Natasa Kristan Primsar gives her presentation - Vivial Kårbø is waiting to give hers.



“VET in Urban Centres”; Multiplier Event at Norway House, Brussels



Rue de la Loi, Brussels



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VET in Urban Centres - 6th Project meeting 11th February 2020, Brussels, Belgium

MINUTES

Participants in the project meeting:

Per Nordmark	Vestland County Council, planning section, coordinator
Sara Casa	Barcelona Activa, Catalonia, Spain
Cinta Arasa Carot	Barcelona Activa, Catalonia, Spain
Daniele Adanti	Agenzia Umbria Ricerche (AUR), Perugia, Italy
Catia Piermarini	Instituto Professionale per l'industria e l'artigianato, Foligno, Italy
Mariarita Trampetti	Instituto Professionale per l'industria e l'artigianato, Foligno, Italy
Gabriella Venturini	Instituto Professionale per l'industria e l'artigianato, Foligno, Italy
Daniela Volpe	Instituto Professionale per l'industria e l'artigianato, Foligno, Italy
Luis Miranda	EARLALL - European Association of Regional and Local Authorities for Lifelong Learning
Noelia Cantero	EARLALL - European Association of Regional and Local Authorities for Lifelong Learning
Tina Kvammen Mjøs Sinclair	Vestland County Council, planning section
Vivian Kårbø	Nordhordland Næringslag
Tor Ivar Sagen Sandvik	Vestland County Council, education dep.
Kari Espelund Bruvik	Knarvik upper secondary school
Rune Nesse	Knarvik upper secondary school
Anne Elizabeth Swensson	Øygarden Municipality
Trude Landedal	Alver Municipality
Kristin Nåmdal	Alver Municipality
Helen Gjærde	Alver Municipality
Marit Kristine Einen	Vestland County Council, international section
Lidija Grmek Zupanc	Šolski center Kranj, Slovenia
Nataša Kristan Primšar	Šolski center Kranj, Slovenia

1 Agenda for Brussels Project Meeting – approval/adjustments

The agenda was approved.

2 Report from last meeting in Hordaland – comments/approval

The report which was made and distributed after last meeting in Hordaland was accepted as the final report from this meeting.

3 Reporting procedures and responsibility for the Brussels meeting

Luis Miranda and Noelia Cantero, EARLALL, and Marit Kristine Einen, Vestland volunteered to take minutes from the project meeting.

4 Brief update by partners on activities, experiences, successes and challenges related to project topics since last meeting

Solski School Center, Kranj, by Nataša Kristan Primšar:

The school are training for vocations of the future: have in mind the skill match that is happening between knowledge acquired at school and the ones needed for the economy. Focusing on connection with local and global environments. Aiming at being very active in the field of policy. «You have to make impact in the system beyond the walls of the school!» In Slovenia, 6 big school centres joining together and are doing projects for developing the school system. Connector – a consortium with companies is an important institution for the cooperation. The «VET in Urban Centres» project was an opportunity to see how others do. We needed a focus: now economy in Slovenia is working well but we need to focus in what to prioritise. Now focus is: Training in the vocations of the future and make the skills gap as small as possible.

Orfini, Foligno, by Mariarita Trampetti

It has been cooperation between the school and the municipality. First; meeting with local authorities involved in the social system = agreement. Project “Agenda Urbana”, giving the possibility of experimenting in gardening (students are involved in creating gardens in a special area in the outskirts of the city).

Establishing relationships between old people (living in retirement houses) and young people.

Meeting with experts: how to make a project (theoretical part)
Work for the project idea + guided by the teachers, organised with 14 hours creative laboratory (practical part).
Developed and implemented an idea: To build “bee house”, sport centres for people with functional diversity. Part of the curriculum is dedicated to internship.
This is occasions to improve language too – Daniela.
Work-based learning. House built with recyclable materials.
Technology knowledge transfer young – old. Writing stories with a computer. Working in groups, no hierarchies. Teachers just facilitated the process, helping out in being part of the project. Class of 26 people with differences among them, and sometimes difficulties. They felt they were the protagonists of the project.

Fjell (now Øygarden) municipality, by Anne Elisabeth Swensson

A new upper secondary school it to be built in the Regional urban centre of Straume. The school will include traditional teaching programmes + arts, culture and sports. Greener options will be explored. A few obstacles found, as always in such processes.

5 Project’s final report by Per Nordmark

It is required that all partners present documentation for the work on intellectual output. This is a requirement from the national Agency. A list with named, category of staff and dates of work should be made and sent to the coordinator.

Inputs, if any, to the proposal for the Model for IO 2 should be sent to coordinator within the following week.

The coordinator will then finalise the document on IO 2.

According to the application the two documents should be translated into national languages: Italian, Catalanian, Slovenian and Norwegian:

IO 1: 7 stage processmodel for cooperation

IO 2: Model for making or adjusting VET programs

The translation should be made as soon as possible, preferably within end of February.

Deadline for submitting the final report is 60 days from 1. april (28th April 2020).

Coordinator will produce and submit the report.

6 Status on economy and last transfer of funding to partners

The final transfer of funds; 20% will be done by the National Agency when the final report is submitted and accepted. Then the last transfer to the partners will be coordinator according to the contracts. However, it has to be made a reduction for the mobilities which were not made (where partners did not attend transnational meetings).

7 Production and distribution of final project documents, by Per Nordmark

All main project documents were stored on a memory stick, and such a stick was distributed to all partners for availability filing.

8 Closure of the Strategic partnership

As the meeting ended, this also symbolised the closure of the partnership. On behalf of the partners Nataša Kristan Primšar gave words of thanks to the project coordinator Per Nordmark, Vestland county council.

9 Possibilities and interest in future co-operations between partners.

Due to the usefulness of the project and the active and constructive partnership it was expressed interest in future cooperation and projects. However, in the present situation it was found not possible to plan for a new project and a new application at this moment.

10 Preparations for the multiplier event 12th February 2020, by Luis Miranda.

The program, settings, roles and responsibilities were presented and settled.

In the evening the partners had a closing dinner together in a restaurant the city.



A visible poster along the Rue de la Loi in the city of Brussels.

