

V2V internationalization newsletter

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V2V: a capacity-building project for Western Balkans schools

VET to VET (V2V) is an European-funded pilot project aiming to improve the innovation, modernization and internationalization of VET schools in the Western Balkans.

It is coordinated by Apro Formazione and brings together ten VET schools, five within the European Union (*Italy, Netherlands, Finland, Slovenia and Croatia*) and five between *Montenegro, Kosovo, Bosnia and Herzegovina*. The logic of the project is based on constant twinning, coaching and support between an European school and a Balkan school, with a bottom-up approach.

International Conference in Podgorica

The conference in Montenegro was held on April 20th 2023 and served as an important forum for knowledge sharing, networking, and discussion on the importance of capacity building in schools. It was presented by the schools JUSSŠ »Ivan Uskoković« and JU SMS »Danilo Kiš«.



The conference also offered participants the opportunity to attend workshops and interactive forums. These sessions facilitated more focused discussions and practical skills development in areas such as Internationalization and mobility, led by GSC Čakovec and SIC Ljubljana and Cooperaton between schools and companies, led by APRO.

The insights, strategies, and partnerships formed during the conference will no doubt play a significant role in further development of vocational schools and training in Montenegro.

International Conference in Sarajevo

The Sarajevo Conference, held on May 18th 2023, brought together a diverse group of teachers, experts, and professionals from various fields to engage in discussions and knowledge exchange on capacity building in VET in Bosna and Hercegovina. Distinguished local guests were in attendance, including government and city officials as well as representatives from various companies and organisations.



Vet to Vet partners presented the partial results of the project, the afternoon part of the conference featured a series of interactive workshops and smaller breakout sessions, allowing participants to engage more directly with the subjects of their interest.

The Sarajevo Conference provided a valuable platform for networking, idea exchange, and collaboration among professionals. The need for greater local and regional cooperation was highlighted.

International project meeting Ferizaj

From June 5th to June 8th the project partners met in Centre of Competences school in Ferizaj.



We discussed the past project activities and the impact of the International Conferences was evaluated. We also made plans for future activities with the creation of Best Practice catalogue, a review of past and future Webinars and put a plan of Networking into Action.

Webinars – Communities of Practice

Webinars delivered in April and May 2023, continued in the fall and until the end of the year.

Apro Formazion and SIC Ljubljana are in charge of webinars on Development of International projects and Internationalization strategies while SEDU, Noordeport and GSC Čakovec delivered webinars on Teacher training and School-Company cooperation.

Internationalization, mobility, project design and management

First webinar in April gave partners information on Erasmus+, Regional Challenge Fund and other organizations and programs, devoted to internationalization. In May, Apro prepared another webinar with the main focus on finding partners within Western Balkans and broader European space. At the end of May, SIC prepared a webinar on internationalization strategy, focusing on main components and approaches to internationalization planning.

The initial webinars were followed by workshops, conducted in November and December respectively. November workshops were devoted to project design, partners were led through the process of writing a project, considering methodology, the project target groups and activity planning. December workshops were focused on developing internationalization strategy; WB partners were presented with development tools, creating their organizational goals and analysis of their internationalization capacity.



WEBINARS
DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS & DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONALIZATION STRATEGIES

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DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS	DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONALIZATION STRATEGIES
05.04.2023 - 3-4.30pm FUNDING AND TENDERS IN WESTERN BALKANS <i>(explore donors, calls, opportunities)</i>	31.05.2023 - 3-4.30pm INTERNATIONALIZATION STRATEGY SET UP
04.05.2023 - 3-4.30pm FINDING PARTNERS <i>(partner search tools and platforms)</i>	22.11.2023 - 3-4.30pm DEVELOPMENT PLANS ON SCHOOL-COMPANY COOPERATION AND TEACHERS' TRAINING
15.11.2023 - 3-4.30pm PROJECT DESIGN <i>Project Design Step by Step</i>	13.12.2023 - 3-4.30pm INTERNATIONALIZATION STRATEGY <i>Definition of objectives and action plans</i>
29.11.2023 - 3-4.30pm PROJECT DESIGN <i>How to Start (Abstract and Partner fiche)</i>	20.12.2023 - 3-4.30pm INTERNATIONALIZATION STRATEGY <i>Finalization of the strategy</i>

REGISTRATION FORM



Teacher training and School-Company Cooperation

partner schools from the European Union shared examples of good practice and ways to implement cooperation between schools and companies so that both teachers and students are satisfied with the progress of all institutions in the context of new work methods. Also, one of the examples of good practice presented by the EU partners was on the job learning, which will definitely influence the improvement of the working conditions of schools from the Western Balkans. The main goal of this community of practice was to create a development plan. The development plan was made by partner schools from the Western Balkans in order to set the basic goals of their institutions related to cooperation with companies. The plan had to be detailed and realistic, and each school had to determine how they intended to monitor the progress of the implemented strategies and evaluate the achievement of the goals. Development plans were presented by each school at the last webinar, and after that they start implementing the set goals.

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