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RURAL + BETTER OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH SKILL GROWTH

We proudly announce our new project Rural+ which arises by the partnership of 5 organisations from 4 European countries: Romania, Italy, Cyprus and Portugal. It is the result of the need of VET workers to be prepared in facing emerging needs coming from competitiveness due to the fact that in the current years, the labor marker and the nature of work are radically changing. Future jobs will require a wide and cross- sector set of soft and collateral skills that current VET education systems are not providing today. The gaps in competences and certification of workers and the job profiles needed by companies nowadays, as well as the need of giving VET employees the abilities to surpass the level provided by the schooling system led the consortium to work on the development of training contents on soft skills needed to respond to the above needs.



PROJECT AIMS:

The Rural+ project aims to satisfy two simultaneous needs:

- To know in details key- soft skills needed from companies in order to create awareness on those skills;
- To deliver a set of skills directly to a target group of VET learners and also, in order to amplify and perpetuate the ripple effect of those courses, to deliver them to a target group of VET educators.



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PROJECT OUTCOMES:

- 1 NeedsMapping of the VET study - developed and translated in all partnership languages;
- 3 courses, one of Business Etiquette, one of Learning How to Learn and one in Professional Digital Literacy, together with their Trainer's Kits, developed and translated in all partnership languages;
- 1 learning platform, in which the first two outcomes will be integrated together with a set of Open Badges that can be attached to the person's online profile and will attest on their obtaining of the competence;
- Short term joint staff training event on the three soft skills dedicated to VET educators in which they will study the documentation and learn to teach it to their pupils either as a stand- alone course or as additional material integrated with other disciplines;
- Blended mobility "Good things come in three" event, in which the selected participants will benefit from direct exercises on the training materials developed, and the professional expertise of multiple employers regarding their real life capacity.
- 5 "Infocamps"/ Multiplier events in which the results of the project will be disseminated to various representatives of the VET industries.

THE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP:



- an NGO actively involved in the development of the Romanian rural area, including the human resources of the respective area (ACoR Romania Calarasi Branch);
- a consultancy and VET training providing company managed by experienced personnel in VET training and European Projects (Mixt SourceManagement);
- an NGO, actively involved in the development of the Italian rural area and its inhabitants (Polygonal NGO);
- a training provider from Cyprus with expertise in VET competences growth and human capitals (Stando);
- a VET school from the rural area of Portugal