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About

LEADER is an Erasmus+ project which aims to support students in Vocational Education and Training (VET) to develop appropriate soft skills, allowing them to take control of their careers.

Soft skills refer to the competencies needed to communicate, cooperate and work productively. In most competitive job markets, employers do not only look for technical ability and specialist knowledge. Instead, they seek candidates who can become leaders, and leadership itself depends on both technical and 'people skills'.

Exposing students to a comprehensive skill-set thus increases their chances for professional success.

OBJECTIVES

- DEVELOP A SOFT SKILLS CURRICULUM FOR VET STUDENTS
- DEVELOP A PRACTICAL, EASY-TO-ADAPT INFORMATION AND RESOURCE PACKAGE FOR TEACHERS, TRAINERS AND MENTORS TO HELP THEM DEVELOP THEIR TRAINEES' SOFT SKILLS
- DEVELOP AN INNOVATIVE SERIOUS GAME
- CREATE AN INTERACTIVE ONLINE PLATFORM CONTAINING ALL PROJECT-RELATED INFORMATION

Update

In October 2019, seven organisations based in The Netherlands, Denmark, Malta, Romania and Spain, met up for the first time in Leeuwarden to officially kick off the LEADER project. During the meeting, the project activities and deliverables were discussed and planned out. The second transnational project meeting took place in Copenhagen in March 2020. Due to imposed precautionary measures linked to the outbreak of COVID-19, most partners participated in this meeting via Skype.

In the meantime, research has been initiated on soft skills – this is being analysed both from a business and VET students' point of views. The main aim is to identify and exchange best practices/methodologies used by VET trainers to instruct themselves and teach others about soft skills. An online questionnaire is being disseminated with several businesses and students in the partner countries to collect the necessary information.



Upcoming

Based on the ongoing research, over the coming months, the LEADER project partners will be working on a practical, easy-to-use and easy-to-adapt information and resource package for trainers regarding soft skills and young leadership skills development.

The so-called "Implementation Guide for Teachers and Trainers" will be accessible free of charge for any trainer through the project website. It will include a set of activities which can be used in VET context (at schools and workplaces).



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COMING SOON



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