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Welcome to the fourth newsletter of the EROVET+ network

EROVET+ is a group of VET stakeholders from **8 European** countries working to improve the skills and competences of VET learners and graduates, thus fostering their employability possibilities. EROVET+ also aims to support companies and training centres by offering them a great range of services.

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Fourth Staff Training Activity in Vila Verde

EROVET+: Managerial Skills Course

From the 21st to the 25th February, EPATV welcomed a group of teachers and students from eight EROVET+ partners (Portugal, Spain, France, England, Italy, Lithuania, Greece and Turkey) for an intensive course in Managerial Skills, one of the results developed during the Erasmus+ project nº 2019-1-ES-01-KA202-064745 – EROVET+ - Filling the Skills Gap of European VET learners.

The project aims to improve the employability of young people, working to develop their skills, especially with regard to soft skills. This expanding network of partners has developed resources and tools for this purpose, such as the creation of a European job pool, an innovation platform that offers young people the possibility to develop projects together with other students across Europe, among other resources.

The group was kindly received by the Municipality of Vila Verde, in the person of councilor Manuel Lopes, who made known the potential of the county, its traditions and the partnership with the EPATV school.

At the school, the approximately 50 European students and teachers were welcomed by the General Director, João Luís Nogueira, and attended a session on Entrepreneurship and Management, by João Vieito - Professor at the Polytechnic Institute of Viana do Castelo.

During the week, the group also had the opportunity to carry out various activities, attend lectures on the importance of soft skills in the job market, as well as visit places of reference in the region, institutions and companies - such as Cervejaria Letra, Chocolataria Chocolate com Pimenta, DST Group –, getting to know the skills that employers value most in their employees today.





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INCLUSIVE STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

Nowadays in our schools a lot of students arrive from different countries because their families need to find a suitable place where to live: young children probably don't know the language of the new country but they have to stay at school every morning and it's important to start new relationships with their schoolmates.

That's why lately the problem of immigration has becoming more and more urgent. School has to guarantee the right to education for students who are not Italian native speakers, with difficulties of various levels encountered in language skills. Italian teachers, in order to favor their school success and educational growth, should recognize and value diversity, encourage exchange between different cultures and promote intercultural education.

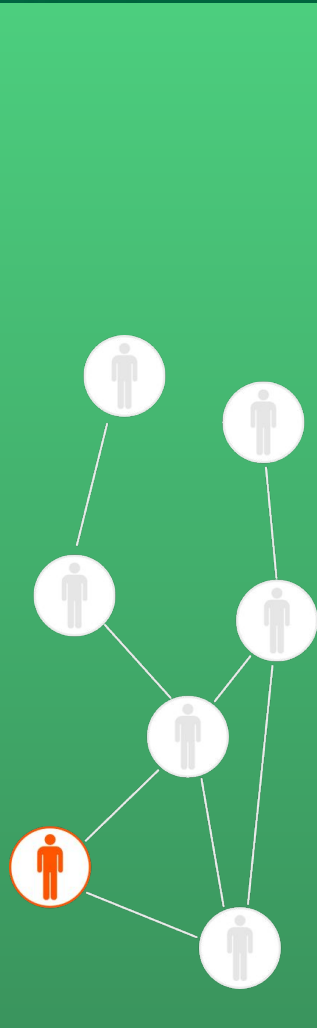
Referring to integration, we have to promote tolerance, respect and mutual understanding.

That's why there is a specific project called Inclusive Student Opportunities planned by a team of teachers of the Institute «Aulo Ceccato» in order to reduce inequalities and promote equal rights involving families in the implementation of the project.

The project aims to achieve the following objectives:

- encourage the acquisition and strengthening of basic language skills in relation to the four fundamental skills (listening, reading, speaking, writing), through first / second literacy courses (levels A0 and A1, language of communication);
- consolidate language knowledge / skills through courses of support (level A2 and B1, language of study);
- Make use of the figures of a psychologist and a linguistic mediator for to support students' academic career.

This year has been a great success for our students: Italian language and other subjects have been developed by teachers taking care of the different students' background.



IDEAS CLUB – entrepreneurship and innovation

The Ideas Club is a project developed with the senior students of Amar Terra Verde Vocational School (EPATV), in partnership with the CLDS 4G Vila Verde, which took place during the month of March. The main objective of this initiative is the development of entrepreneurial skills, communication, personal and social development and integration in the job market.

During the sessions, students were invited to dynamically explore the different skills and create an innovative idea. The best ideas of each EPATV senior class moved forward to competition, having been presented to a jury panel composed by several businessmen and entrepreneurs in the region.

The winning group - **"As Idealistas"**- presented the idea of an appointment scheduling app for Beautician companies.

Congratulations to all participant students, for such interesting and innovative ideas!





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EROVET Testimonials Videos

Testimonials videos are ready.

You can testify to the excitement of the students, the teachers, and the business world. These videos will help you have a clear idea about different opportunities and experiences in the different EROVET countries. Videos are grouped under 4 titles “European Mobility”, “Orientation”, “Cultural Issues” and “Belonging to EROVET”.

The students share their memories under all these 4 titles.

They talk about the abroad mobilities such as their expectations, satisfaction, advice to other students and so on. In the Orientation part, students explain their study field and the reasons to choose. On the Cultural Issues, they talk about their lives abroad. On the Belonging to EROVET part, they explain the EROVET services that they benefited from.

Teachers share their thoughts about welcoming and hosting foreign students at their centers and how to manage all educational, cultural and social issues. The teachers also talk about their own experiences about the abroad training and the pros/cons of the activities. Of course, EROVET services are not forgotten and they explain how to benefit more from the services EROVET provided and how these services can contribute to the students and the schools?

Finally, there are some interviews about the business world that the company representatives talk about their interns/apprentices at their company. They inform us about the value of the students for their company, the difficulties, the beneficiaries, adaptation processes, and so on. They also inform us about the key competencies and the future tendency of their sector.

Take a look!



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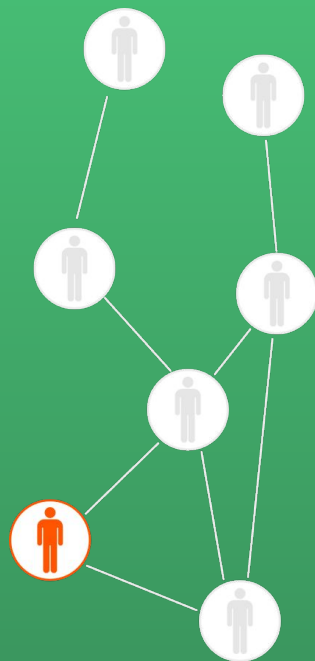
Labor market needs skills

Major enterprises will offer various incentives in order to attract the employees they require.

The local labor market will operate under new conditions in 2022, as the last couple of years have already seen the imposition of changes due to the pandemic. The market is changing, and today requires new strategies and adaptability on the part of both workers and employers, while every day increasing numbers of companies are complaining they cannot find the right staff and posts remain vacant for long periods.



Nikos Ballas, 31, wearing a protective face mask, works at Cosmos Aluminium factory in Larissa, July 8. [Alexandros Avramidis/Reuters]



FPCAT Award to INS Escola del Treball

The celebration of the FPCAT awards took place on the 29th June in Barcelona. Both the Education and the Labour ministers attended the ceremony and gave the awards to the winners. Institut Escola del Treball, one of the EROVET partners, was awarded the prize in the category of Good Practices. The school is well known for its innovative methodological procedures. Most of the courses in the school are taught using the Project based learning methodology which gives the learner the possibility to work on real projects related to their professions. This undoubtedly develops their professional, transversal and personal competences and improves their employability possibilities. Besides, the school is also well known for its entrepreneurial mindset and schedules a varied bunch of activities that promote the entrepreneurial attitude and improves the self-employment possibilities of their graduates.



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Open School days

January is the pinnacle of vocational training in France as the current high school students, our future undergraduate students need to get the right information on their training expectations. This is crucial so they can fill in their education wishes for the coming school year on the national site, Parcoursup, opened from January 20th to March 29th. January is the first step of this higher education complex marathon.

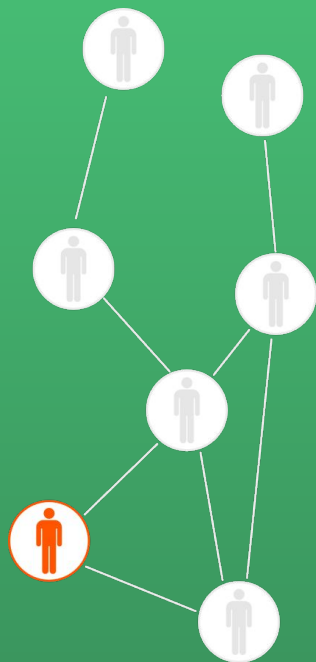
In Gaston Berger Campus, January 22nd was our Open School Days. Over 800 students from the area as well as from other regions in France and Europe came on that day. After the cancellation of the last two sessions due to Covid-19, our future students could at last meet their student elders for real, speak with their future teachers about their professional and educational prospects. Naturally our future students interested in accountancy, banking, IT, communication, retailing and management, hospitality could get their questions answered. Clearly considering the success of this day, webinars and videos cannot compete with the face-to-face connections. Now we hope to meet many of these high school students as our new first-year students next September!



EROVET team at Vila Verde

EROVET network connects schools, teachers, and students, provides opportunities for cooperation, students and teachers mobilities. During EROVET partners meeting in Portugal, Vila Verde, we were having lunch at school, prepared and served by students and then had a chat with the teachers and agreed that a pastry teacher will come to Vilnius on Erasmus mobility. Later on, a colleague, a culinary teacher also decided to join the trip to Lithuania. On 11th-17th May two teachers from Vila Verde, [EPATV - Escola Profissional Amar Terra Verde](#), a pastry chef and teacher Jose Miguel de Sousa Lopes and a culinary chef and teacher Rodolfo Melendrez Rodriguez came for an Erasmus mobility to Vocational Education and Training Centre Zirmunai in Vilnius, Lithuania.

During their stay they had a chance to observe national competitions AEHT 2022 Lithuania: pastry, culinary art, culinary decathlon, barista, restaurant service and cocktails, where students from different Lithuanian schools competed in mixed teams, assessed by head judges- professional chefs, meet a president of AEHT (Association of European Hotel and Tourism Schools) Ana Paula Pais, who is also from Portugal. Other days they participated in culinary and pastry lessons, preparing traditional Lithuanian dishes. And what is the most important, Miguel and Rodolfo were giving two masterclasses – one for teachers from different schools and one for students. They demonstrated professional excellence preparing traditional Portuguese culinary and pastry dishes. Teachers from both schools made a lot of new professional contacts and the cooperation will continue.





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