

IT based Methodology for Promoting, Assessing and validating Competence oriented learning and Training

Newsletter

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IMPACT course on VINFL

In early March 2016 the IMPACT partners and associates were welcomed by the Peniche Escola Superior de Turismo e Tecnologia do Mar, which is part of the Polytechnic Institute of Leiria to the 5 day course on “Validation of non-formal and informal learning (VINFL)”, which was part of a series of courses within the overall qualification course on VINFL. 25 learners from the project partners’ institutions joined to learn and discuss Validation and Competence Oriented Learning, its perspectives, its connections to IT based open learning and how these concepts can possibly be integrated at the partners’ workplaces.

The course started with theoretical inputs on the state of Validation in Europe, the current implementation of ECVET and problems that arise from this situation for practice. The presentations were followed by discussion rounds, where participants shared their experiences and notions on the issue. In the following days a bigger proportion of the programme was dedicated to practical work in work groups. Here participants elaborated approaches, how to implement the IMPACT methodology in their organisations.



In the middle of the course week, IPL had organised a dissemination conference for teachers of the school, teachers from neighbouring institutes and the students in which 50 people participated. The overall concept was presented to the audience, followed by presentations about the achievements within the project, e.g. the successful connection between open source LMS and the LEVEL5 validation software as example for potential transfers to other e-learning offers.

The week ended on Friday with a very special event our host Roberto Gamboa had prepared. The IMPACT partners were invited to join a folk dance session with students of IPL. Dancing, laughing and sweating together with the young students from Portugal made this week an unforgettable experience.



The IMPACT award

In May 2016 IMPACT will launch the third “La Vita è bella Award” for innovative projects in the field of VINFL. You can already access the website to look at the requirements and terms and conditions to take part. Winners will be invited to come to the final event in Thessaloniki. Find more information here: <http://mahara.vita-eu.org/view/view.php?id=2488>

Next steps

The IMPACT project goes into the practical phase now. All partners are involved in carrying out pilot projects, which will be presented at the final conference in Greece in September. A save-the-date notice will be sent in due time.

If you would like to stay updated on the activities within the IMPACT project, please sign up for our newsletter by sending a mail to level5@bupnet.eu or visit our website www.impact.my-vita.eu.

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