



Info sheet

Erasmus+ - Strategic partnership project BOQua - European qualification concept „specialist for vocational orientation“

Against the background of a high number of training abortions and increasing youth unemployment, which is attributed to a lack of competences among the actors of the vocational orientation due to the rapid change in the working world, the quality of the vocational orientation in Europe is to be improved by means of the developed products in the project "BOQua". In addition, the project contributes to make the implementation of vocational orientation at schools, consultative institutions and within the framework of open youth work Europe-wide more comparable through a uniform qualification. At the same time across borders, the transparency of the vocational orientation is promoted. Thus training companies, which often complain about a bad professional guidance and counseling of young people at the interface to the working life, are given the opportunity to assess the vocational orientation measures and activities which are carried out beforehand to a vocational training (apprenticeship) and they can easier acquire well vocationally oriented trainees from other EU countries.

Within the framework of the project "BOQua", a European qualification concept "specialist for vocational orientation" will be developed under the direction of the Pädagogische Hochschule Schwäbisch Gmünd together with four European project partners from Austria, UK, Spain and Slovenia. The basis for the qualification concept is a country-specific analysis of good practice examples with regard to the implementation of successful vocational orientation measures and activities as well as case studies with the implementing staff of the vocational orientation and advice.

In addition to the young people whose job selection process is to be improved as well as the training companies, especially the professional staff (e.g. teachers, professional advisors, social workers) profit from the project results. Their know-how, skills and competencies will be promoted by the newly developed qualification and the complementary educational products. In particular, their knowledge about different vocational orientation methods, measures and activities, as well as the requirements for future skilled workers, should be promoted in the context of the change in the working world. Thus their professionalism will be improved. In this respect, the various experiences in the five European countries can be profitable and an exchange about the project topics can be initiated through conferences, meetings and a European advisory board.

Beside the European qualification concept "specialist for vocational orientation", quality standards will be developed for the purpose of better comparability, as well as five further training modules with a focus on different fields like the industrial-technical, crafty, commercial, service and economic sectors which will be tested in a pilot phase.

Furthermore a good practice guideline for the implementation of vocational orientation measures, with exemplary solutions from the participating countries will be created, as well as an assessment instrument for companies, which enables them to assess the potential trainees whether they have passed a good vocational orientation and what type of vocational orientation. Finally, a guideline for a sustainable implementation of the newly developed qualification in the EU will be created. On the project website (www.boqua.eu) all results of the project are available for download.

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