



From VET to WOW

NEWSLETTER

Newsletter #2 - Uppsala - Sweden Partnership Meeting

Welcome to the second newsletter of From VET to WOW - a project partly financed by the Life Long Learning program in the EU-funds. This project aims to improve and develop the cooperation between the VET (Vocational Education and Training organisations) and the WOW (World of Work). This will be done by accomplishing the two main objectives in the project: The From VET to WOW Award and the Guide of best practices collected by the partners from several countries, not only partner countries in Europe.

Interested in knowing more? Check this link - <http://vet-wow.inncrea.eu/>

Enjoy our newsletter!

The Award

Are you one of the Winners?

As a part of the From VET to WOW project we are instituting an Award that will be given to the VET organisation that have managed to establish a good cooperation between the Vocational Education and Training world and the World of Work.

The competition for the Award will be launched in four countries, Poland, Netherlands, Spain and Sweden. With a start in April the partners of "From VET to WOW" will manage the process to select the winners for a price ceremony in October.

VETs on all levels are welcome to participate in the regions specified by each partner. Also Advanced Vocational Education is in the scope for the Award.

A jury will be responsible for the process of evaluating the competitors and finally select the winners.

Besides an honorable Diploma the winner will have a possibility to participate in the closing conference of the project in Krakow Poland - June 2015.

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<http://vet-wow.inncrea.eu/>

to participate or to introduce the Award to colleagues.

The Conference



During the "From VET to WOW" meeting in Uppsala - Sweden, we organized an external conference with invited speakers and guests from organization related to VET and WOW in Sweden.

After the presentations, see agenda and links to presentations, a very interesting discussion followed there ideas and experiences were shared between all participants.

One key issue was the "How to motivate students for VET?" For a long period of time the VETs in Sweden have been working with the challenge of getting the WOW (world of work) on board - but now there is a huge lack of students in many programs.



Even programs with close to 100% students in work after the training has been closed due to the lack of students interested in the program.

The need for VET students is big all over Europe - and some say that, in spite of the financial crisis, if only the individuals had the right vocational skills - the number of unemployed people would be much lower.

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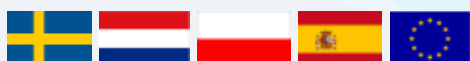


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The Partner Meeting

The partners of “From VET to WOW “ met on 27th to 28th of February in Uppsala - Sweden.

Hosts for the meeting were the Swedish partner SMEBOX AB (<http://www.smebox.com/>) and the VET, Folkuniversitetet. (<http://www.folkuniversitetet.se/>)

The meeting started with a discussion based on a draft for the Award-framework. A number of decisions were taken and there was a very clear and common understanding and view on the Award among the partners.

It was also obvious that there are different conditions for the way to work with the Award in the partner countries. That fact was also implemented in the decisions and will be of great value to secure the final outcome and results of the project.

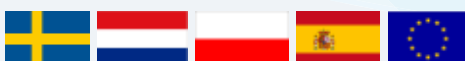
The second day was more focused on dissemination of the project and the results. Already it was taken to the minutes that partners had been involved in key note speaks, published in local



media, discussed in regional meetings besides the projects own and partners websites.

Finally the partners decided the detailed timeschedule for the process of the Award and creating the guide of best cases in cooperation between VET and WOW.

The closing conference will be held in Krakow, Poland, in June 2015 as an open conference. Are you interested to attend? Please contact your national partner organization. See contactinfo at last page of this newsletter.



Meeting in Uppsala



Uppsala welcomed all partners with the warmest end of february in many years. No minus and no snow was both a relief and also a disappointment. At least we could easily walk between meeting venue, hotels and the cultural visits.

For lunch the first day we took a classic Swedish lunch-box with a catered selection of fresh Salads from Cajsas Kök. (<http://www.cajsas-kok.se/en->

[english.aspx](http://www.cajsas-kok.se/en-english.aspx))

The dinner was an interesting mix of the greek cuisine presented by a Syrian owner in the heart of Uppsala, Tzatziki. (<http://www.tzatziki.se/>)

Finally the lunch on second day was a part of the study visit program and the VET - Restaurant School of Ekeby (<http://bit.ly/1mW99Yn>) served us a lovely lunch - created by the adult students. After a cup of tea or coffee we got

a guided tour in the restaurant kitchen and could see how the education was organized "behind the scenes".

As always more time would have been needed to experience all the cultural and historic places in Uppsala but Friday afternoon the partners had to go back home again.

Thanks Destination Uppsala for the informative package to our guests.

(<http://www.destination uppsala.se/en/>)



Next meeting

Next meeting in the From VET to WOW project will take place in Teror, Grand Canaria, Spain.

In that meeting we will check the milestones of the Award process but the focus will be on the best practices for the guide on how to create a great relation between VETs and WOW.

Actually relation is not the word - interaction is a better way to describe what it takes to have a good cooperation.



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