

## Newsflash No.1

### Local Capacity Building Workshop: "Quality Assurance: Title of Excellence"

The National Centre for TVET Development and the Chamber of Commerce and Industry Hunedoara organised the workshop entitled "Quality Assurance: Title of Excellence" at the County School Inspectorate Hunedoara, on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018.

The workshop organised as part of the transnational project "Learning by Doing" brought together representatives of education, employers, local main public authorities, county agency for occupation, NGOs, trade unions, parents, students. Most of the representatives above are members of the Local Committee for the Development of Social Partnerships (LCDSP) created in order to ensure a better connection and real partnership between school offer and employers needs.

The local actors group met to analyze the current situation and challenges and to invite local schools to register and apply for the "Excellency Title " in 2018 in order to be awarded the recognition of their contribution to correlating vocational and technical education with labour market demand.

Within this event, the Methodology for the Excellency Title with the areas of excellence was updated and adopted for the 2018 edition scheme.

Successful VET schools in Hunedoara county which want to be validated by the economic environment and recognized by the community as providers offering attractive initial training for pupils and, indirectly for parents, can register to participate in a monitoring - validation process for all excellence areas or just for the one (s) they consider representative.

The monitoring and validation team, composed of LCDPS members, members of the Regional Consortium and Hunedoara Chamber of Commerce, will develop the Monitoring Report, considering the following five areas of excellence defined for 2018:

1. **the attractiveness** of the training offer in relation to students' aspirations (technical equipment, possible project, contests, etc.)
2. **the flexibility** offered by school, by adapting the school supply both to the requirements of the labour market and to the expectations of the pupils (potential pupils)
3. **the relevance** of the training offer in relation to regional/local needs for qualifications (realistic employability perspectives on completion of studies and/or holiday periods, employers' willingness to offer internships)
4. **innovation** of learning processes - resource management, organizational innovation and cooperation
5. **"business"** - which outlines expectations, business requirements of employers towards students and school.

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The local actors group agreed to launch Scheme 2018 "Title of Excellence" on March 22, 2018.

The workshop will contribute to the improvement of all relevant VET actors' capacities through reinforcing national, regional and transnational partnerships in order to facilitate the development and strengthen existing VET systems in the Danube region countries.

The project "Learning by Doing" is financed by the European Union through the Transnational Cooperation Programme for the Danube Region and addresses the fourth thematic priority of the Transnational Cooperation Programme for the Danube Region: a well-governed Danube region: providing support for the implementation of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region and improve the legal frameworks and policies to address major societal challenges, such as measures on the labour market, education systems, demographic changes, etc. It is coordinated by the Hungarian Chamber of Commerce and brings together 24 partners among which the National Centre for TVET Development and the Chamber of Commerce and Industry Hunedoara.

For further details please visit:

[http://www.interreg-danube.eu/learning-by-doing,](http://www.interreg-danube.eu/learning-by-doing)

<http://www.tvet.ro/index.php/ro/proiecte-de-dezvoltare-a-invamantului-profesional-si-tehnic/378.html>

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