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MeVeL – The two year lasting Leonardo da Vinci (LdV) project belonging to European Commission Life Long Learning Programme (EC LLP); **“Fostering the Virtual Mobility within the Metal Sector”** has been launched during kick-off meeting held in Bilbao on 14th Nov 2013, having formed by a partnership built by seven independent organisations from five different European countries.

Project idea is based on the fact that Europe is living a stage of great changes, where it is necessary to act firmly on the relation between training and labour market to progress realistically towards the so called Knowledge Society, while there is an increasing requirement of qualification for the replacement of the vacancies. In these circumstances the job mobility becomes an effective training tool to meet these changes. However, mid-term studies show that despite the efforts of all EU initiatives, workers mobility do not increase as expected. Therefore, the virtual mobility of the workers plays an essential role to improve training of the adult population, integrated in the labour world and the adaptation, basic in the context of quickly changing labour markets.



For all these reasons, it is necessary to encourage virtual mobility to allow the Metal workers undergo sector changes taking advantage of their knowledge acquired in previous trainings and jobs, as well as to allow workers move from low-qualified jobs to others with higher contents in the same sector, thus providing higher added value to their performance.

MeVeL will adapt and transfer the methodology and tools of TeaCamp (www.teacamp.eu) project from the academic to the productive field, to favour virtual mobility among metal workers, by facilitating development, management and implementation of virtual mobility and by improving their virtual mobility competences. Lead by Federación Vizcaína de Empresas del Metal (FVEM) based in Bilbao, the project counts on the participation of Public Administrations, Metal Business organizations, training centers and University from Spain [ES], Italy [IT], Lithuania [LT], Austria [AT], Turkey [TR], with previous common experience in European projects.

MeVeL project contributes to the needs to increase virtual mobility among metal workers by facilitating:

- Metal companies to realize necessary steps to be undertaken to ensure full learning virtual exchange and recognition of training virtual processes,

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- Metal workers to prepare, develop and implement virtual mobility, despite of their economic, social and other restraints,
- Companies and workers to benefit from updated and qualitative curriculum.

During the first transnational meeting, it was commonly agreed to focus our research and next steps on a certain professional category within the Metal Sector as:

“Production Managers and Engineers bearing controlling responsibilities”

The next steps will be the elaboration of Analysis and Recommendations for the virtual mobility implementation at Metal companies. This will be performed by all involved project partners on the basis of a desk research in combination with a field study with Metal companies. As a result of this analysis, the Virtual Learning Environment for learners and metal workers will be developed.



Our next meeting will be in Kaunas, Lithuania at the beginning of April 2014, then we will come back with more news and progress highlights. Moreover, we will keep you updated once our project portal launches. Thank you for your interest and reading about us.

The MeVeL Project Team

What is “Virtual Mobility” in this project concept:

“Virtual mobility” definition within MeVeL project: learning activity in the distance (not physical) in order to share experiences, information and knowledge between professionals within an international context; taking into account that:

- this exchange can be done among workers located in different contexts and places or between a training center (VET center) and workers;
- it includes also a learning activity, not only limited to the exchange of professional experiences (telework)

In technical sense **“Virtual mobility”** is a set of activities supported by information and communications technology, including e-learning, organised at institutional level, that realise or facilitate the international, collaborative experiences in a context of teaching and/or learning as per definition stated in Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing “ERASMUS+”: The Union Programme for Education, Training, Youth and Sport and repealing Decisions No 1719/2006/EC, No 1720/2006/EC and No 1298/2008/EC

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