



5 COUNTRIES, 2 YEARS, 1 AIM



WORKING TOGETHER TO REDUCE EARLY SCHOOL LEAVING

Workshop 2: Portugal

26th & 27th March 2014



The size of the problem



In 2012 5.5 million young people in the EU were classified as Early School Leavers. (European Commission Eurostat 2020)

The unemployment rate among Early School Leavers in Europe is 40%, versus 23% non-early school leavers. (European Commission Eurostat 2020)

In the EU, 16.9% of boys and 12.7% of girls are early school leavers. (European Commission Eurostat 2020)

The EU's target is to reduce the percentage of the population who are early school leavers to 10% by 2020. (European Commission Eurostat 2020)

Reducing the average rate of Early School Leaving by 1% would provide the European economy with nearly 500,000 additional qualified potential young employees each year. (European Commission 2011)

The project



PROJECT AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

To establish a network of European VET organisations to facilitate the import and export of best practice to improve the quality of training for people at risk of / who are ESL.

To share best practice within the partnership by delivering 5 workshops aligned to the key issues affecting early school leaving.

To enable all partners to import and apply at least 1 innovative aspect of best practice within their organisation

To ensure the involvement of key stakeholders including beneficiaries, parents, employers, funders in project implementation and dissemination activities

To enable partners to observe the application of best practice through benchmarking visits that will be facilitated within the workshop schedule

To undertake formative and summative evaluation of the programme and produce best practice guides

To share learning from the programme by hosting local and European dissemination events for a wider network and by making all products freely available on the Internet

Tangible outcomes



- 5 workshops, structured against the key areas of innovation
- 4 Good Practice Guides produced (published in partner's own language)
- Innovative aspects of best practice imported to each partner organisation
- Supportive website will be developed with input by each partner in own language



Intangible outcomes



- Development of new network to improve attractiveness of VET
- Changed attitudes through sharing innovative practice in the field of ESL
- Informal incorporation of results across VET organisations





The screenshot shows the homepage of the In School project website. At the top right, there is a language selector showing the UK flag and 'EN'. Below this is the 'In School' logo. A navigation bar contains icons for Home, The Project, Partners, Latest News, Outcomes, and Contact. The main banner features the text '5 COUNTRIES, 2 YEARS, 1 AIM' above five white outline maps of the United Kingdom, Italy, Turkey, Hungary, and Poland, each with a star. Below the maps is the text 'WORKING TOGETHER TO REDUCE EARLY SCHOOL LEAVING'. The page is divided into three columns, each with a heading and a brief description:

- SHARING BEST PRACTICE**
Establishing a Network
A primary objective of the project is to establish a network of European Vocational Education and Training organisations to facilitate the import and export of best practice aimed at improving the quality of training for people at risk of becoming/who are Early School Leavers (ESL).
- INSPIRING EXCELLENCE**
Through delivery and achievement
The research undertaken by project partners will seek to identify the factors that stand in the way of young people achieving their potential and to find innovative solutions which overcome these. The project aims to transfer innovation between organisations, promoting excellence in education at all levels.
- PROMOTING PROSPERITY THROUGH KNOWLEDGE**
Improving young people's career prospects
The economic benefits of education, both to individuals and society are well established. We are working together to see young people overcoming barriers to completing their education and improving their career prospects.

- Overview of the project
- Latest News
- Outcomes
- Will host Best Practice Guides & other resources

