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INTERNATIONAL skillME CONFERENCE

"GOOD PRACTICES IN SKILLS DEVELOPMENT IN THE METAL AND ELECTRO INDUSTRY"

The international conference titled "Good Practices in Skills Development in the Metal and Electro Industry" took place on 4 October 2017 at the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Slovenia in Ljubljana, Slovenia. The conference marked the end of the skillME project and brought together VET providers, teachers, trainees, regulatory bodies, employment agencies, national agencies for education, embassies, experts, and representatives of the industry from the metal and electro sector and beyond.

The purpose of the conference was to present **good practices and innovative approaches** in filling skill gaps, matching skills with labour market needs, developing new skills for new jobs and adapting national strategies in order to improve the quality and efficiency of vocational education and training and increase the competitiveness of workers. Various **approaches to strengthening VET** in the participating countries of Slovenia, Slovakia, Latvia and Croatia and national strategies for implementing the curricula designed within the skillME project into national VET frameworks have been presented. In addition, **trainers and students** presented their concrete experience with pilot trainings implementation and demonstrated the usability of the trainings and results based on the Machine Vision training – camera usage for robot control, presented by students of the Secondary Technical School Stará Turá. More information on the conference can be found on the **project website**.



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National project partner teams also held **national conferences** for presenting project outputs and achievements to their national stakeholders. The conferences generated much interest and were well-attended by companies interested in training their employees, VET providers interested in implementing trainings for their students, as well as various other stakeholders.





Croatian National skillME Conference 29 September 2017, Zagreb (Croatia)

Slovak National skillME Conference 6 October 2017, Pezinok (Slovakia)

CURRICULA AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD

Do your students or workers want to acquire skills in CAD/CAM, MACHINE VISION, READING TECHNICAL DOCUMENTATION OR COMPOSITE MATERIALS?

All of the materials necessary to train your students or workers in CAD/CAM, MACHINE VISION, READING TECHNICAL DOCUMENTATION (metal or electro sector) or COMPOSITE MATERIALS are available for download free of charge at the <u>project website</u>.

The materials cover **learning units and outcomes, learning materials and assessment papers** for each specific skill. The curricula have been designed in line with **EQAVET, EQF and ECVET principles**, which endorse the learning outcomes approach and aim to serve as reference frameworks to increase the quality, flexibility, transparency, comprehensibility and currency of VET qualifications in Europe.

All materials are available in **ENGLISH**, **SLOVENE**, **SLOVAK**, **LATVIAN** and **CROATIAN**. The use, reproduction and distribution for educational, teaching, training and research purposes of any of the materials is free of charge under the conditions set out on the website link.





JOIN THE ALLIANCE!

The Alliance for the Advancement of VET in the Metal and Electro Industry

The aim of the skillME project is to improve the employability of students and workers using the innovative approach of developing trainings based on industry needs, to strengthen the collaboration of VET providers, regulatory bodies and industry representative, increase the competitiveness of EU member state manufacturing industries and to improve cooperation among EU member states.

In order to secure a platform for these aims and goals also after the project end, the skillME partnership established an **Alliance for the Advancement of VET in the Metal and Electro Industry**, aimed at:

- **Strengthening the cooperation of stakeholders** in the metal and electro sector both at the national and the European level;
- **Promoting the exchange of information** on skill gaps and future needs among key actors at the national and transnational level and sharing latest news;
- Promoting and providing support for the development of new curricula based on the established principle of cooperation among industry representatives, regulatory bodies and VET providers internationally and in sectors outside of the metal and electro industry;
- Promoting VET as first choice;
- **Developing new ideas and initiatives and connecting partners** for new project opportunities in VET needs of the electro and metal industry.

The membership in the Alliance is free of charge and is open to all interested stakeholders from the metal and electro sector as well as other industries.



Interested in joining the Alliance? Contact your national representative or Ms Petra Flerin (CCIS) at petra.flerin@gzs.si.





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