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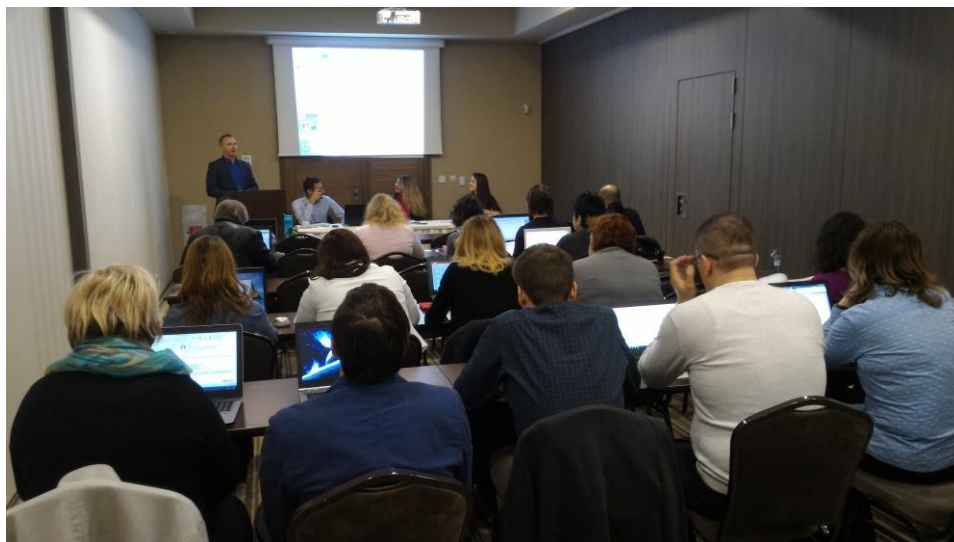
skillME PROJECT

The **Skills in Metal and Electro Industry** or **skillME project** is a three-year collaborative project between vocational education and training (VET) providers, national regulatory partners and representatives of the metal and electro industries of the EU member states **Croatia, Latvia, Slovakia** and **Slovenia**, which aims at **identifying the most endemic skill gaps in the metal and electro industries** and **developing curricula to fill those gaps** that will be implemented into national VET systems.

The project lasts from **November 2014** until **October 2017** and is **co-funded by the Erasmus+ Programme** of the European Union.

■ ■ ■ LATEST NEWS

On **9 and 10 May 2017**, project partners organized the **6th project partners' meeting** in Liptovský Mikuláš, Slovakia, which was hosted by the **Slovak project partner ZEP SR – Association of the Electrotechnical Industry of the Slovak Republic**. The focus of the meeting was the presentation of finalized, ongoing and future project activities primarily connected with **pilot trainings implementation**. VET partners presented the results and findings and tried to evaluate the functionality and adequacy of the implemented curricula.



skillME project partnership, 6th partners' meeting in Slovakia, 9–10 May 2017

PILOT TRAININGS

In the first 24 project months, project partners **identified the four most pressing skill gaps** among students and workers in the metal and electro industry of the participating countries, which are: **READING TECHNICAL DOCUMENTATION, CAD/CAM SYSTEMS, MACHINE VISION,** and **COMPOSITE MATERIALS.** As the field of reading technical documentation varies greatly between the metal and electro sector, **two separate curricula** have been developed for the sectors. Partners **designed curricula and training materials** to fill these gaps and have **implemented pilot trainings** for **students** and separately for **workers** of metal and electro companies in all of the project countries, i.e. Croatia, Latvia, Slovakia and Slovenia. The piloting is currently in its final phase.

In **September 2017**, the project partner overseeing pilot trainings implementation, **Riga Technical College** from Latvia, will prepare a **Final Pilot Training Report** summarizing all piloting activities implemented on the national level, focusing on the impact of the trainings and recommendations for future activities.



SkillME Pilot trainings implemented in Croatia, Latvia, Slovakia, and Slovenia

■ ■ ■ WHAT'S NEXT?

The skillME project is entering its final phase, ending in October 2017. In the following months, the project partnership will focus on the following activities:

- National partner and attracted schools will **conclude the final pilot training activities**. The Latvian partner school Riga Technical College (RTC) will draft a **Final Pilot Training Report** by September 2017, summarizing all piloting activities implemented by project participating countries and the conclusions arising from their experience.
- In order to mark the end of the project and highlight its results, the project partners will organize **national conferences and a final project conference**. Their aim is to present the project achievements to national and European stakeholders, to disseminate project results, to promote the tripartite approach (VET providers, industry representatives, and regulatory partners) to filling sectoral skill gaps, and to seek further synergies for multiplying project results.
- **Alliance for the Advancement of VET in Metal and Electro Industry:** At the 6th partners' meeting, all partners agreed to sign an Alliance Founding Document at the final project conference, committing themselves to the formation of an Alliance after the end of the project that will aim to **strengthen the cooperation and exchange of information** on skill gaps and future needs among key actors at national and transnational level, create an **action plan** for the accreditation of the curricula created in the skillME project in all four project participating countries, and **attract new national and European members** to create a strong transnational network.

All project results will be presented at the FINAL PROJECT CONFERENCE, where all project partners from the four participating countries will be present.

■ ■ ■ FINAL skillME PROJECT CONFERENCE

It was agreed that the **FINAL skillME PROJECT CONFERENCE** will be held on **4 October 2017** in **Ljubljana, Slovenia**, in the premises of the project coordinator, the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Slovenia – Metal Processing Industry Association. The Croatian, Latvian and Slovak project teams will also host **national conferences** for national stakeholders in **September 2017** in their respective countries. More information will be available at the project website: www.gzs.si/skill-me.

■ ■ ■ **PROJECT PARTNERS**



Metal Processing Industry Association



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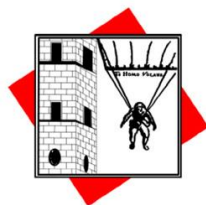
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