MEETING IN BRUSSELS - 30/09/2015

With people responsible of the GD of Education

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At the end of the TOI Project "one2one", on the 30th of September 2015 we asked for a meeting in the General Direction of Education in order to do a Dissemination Activity about this project. We were asked to report also about the "ToP-MoSt" TOI project and the InnMain Network.

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Background 1

After two years working in the TOI ProjectX "one2one", we have experienced that many InnMain partners are really interested in preparing KA1 mobility based in the ProjectX methodology.

One of the reasons is that the ProjectX can be made based in another product, the "ToP-MoSt database", the main result of another TOI Project: "ToP-MoSt". This is a database with "Common Learning Outcomes" agreed in the International Technical Departments of the InnMain Network



Tool to promote the mobility of students

The most important result of this TOI Project is the creation of a database with CLO – Common Learning Outcomes agreed in the InnMain International **Departments**



The InnMain Network

A European network of educational institutions, companies, Chambers of Commerce and companies' associations in the field of maintenance, engineering and building installations (www.innmain.eu).

Both projects combined bring an important outcome: we can programme high quality mobilities of teachers and students because:

- a) Teachers can go to another country to teach a ProjectX.
- b) Students can obtain recognition of what they have learnt in a school-based mobility, and this can be validated by the sending school.

We think that both products are very good tools that can be used and promoted for future mobility programs, and we are happy because they are perfectly aligned with the European Strategy 2020. For this reason, we went to explain the results directly to responsible people of the General Direction of Education in Brussels.

2 Location

The meeting took place in the new offices in Brussels, in rue Philippe Le Bon n° 3, very near to the headquarters of the European Commission in Schuman square.



The venue was a meeting room in the fifth floor; we started punctually at 11.45 am, and finished one hour and fifteen minutes later.

Attendants 3

For the one2one partners:

1	Ms. Evelyne Laroche-Joubert	Lycée Isaac Newton	France
2	Mr. Yannick Villeneuve	Lycée Isaac Newton	France
3	Mr. Robert Beloiu	University of Pitesti	Romania
4	Mr. Antonio Mir	Xabec	Spain

^(*) Other one2one partners didn't attend this meeting because the Spanish NA specifically did not agree with the activity, so there was fear and insecurity of the rejection of being funded.

For the European Commission: Vocational Training and Adult Education

5	Ms. Anna Barbieri	Policy Assistant - Directors General of Vocational Education and Training (DGVT), Advisory Committee on Vocational Training (ACVT), VET Presidency relations, VET provider relations
6	Ms. Maria Todorova	Policy Officer - Vocational Education Training (VET) and Adult Learning (AL) teaching professions, European Training Foundation (ETF), Eurostat. She is in charge of professional development of VET teachers and trainers
7	Mr. Miguel Santos	Policy Officer - VET and Adult learning - ET2020 support financing VET & AL, sectoral skills needs

For the European Commission:

8	Mr. Felix Rohn	Policy Officer - VET and skills development/matching, Sector Skills Alliances, sectoral skills needs
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For more details:

http://europa.eu/whoiswho/public/index.cfm?fuseaction=idea.hierarchy&nodeID=1454639&lang=en

4 The thread of the conversation

- First all the attendants made a short presentation about themselves.
- They asked about the InnMain Network. Antonio distributed a leaflet with the figures about the InnMain network:
 - He spoke about the partners
 - He explained the structure of the organization in Technical Departments
 - He told about our aim of trying to attract companies in the network
 - He explained the structure and organization of the Annual Meetings
 - He gave to the attendants a pen-drive with all the valuable information about the TOI projects and the InnMain network
- Antonio gave a brief explanation about the two TOI projects: ToP-MoSt and one2one. He showed how they are linked:
 - **Top-Most** was the origin: we worked using Skype conferences in technical groups for agreeing Common Learning Outcomes (CLO).
 - One2one has been a second step: from the theory (CLO) we have created real training modules that can be performed in school based education or in companies (in internships). We have now a catalogue of 25 ProjectXs.
 - We would like to go a step further in the future: to create a common online platform where to put the guidelines and the common training materials.
- Our colleagues from the GDE made some commentaries and showed interest in the following matters:
 - In ToP-MoSt we have not created professionals profiles, but a Matrix of LO
 - The ProjectX are relevant activities for companies; even more, the ProjectX can be performed in an internship in a company. To this point, Yannick gave a real example ("Risk analysis") of this situation in his ordinary work.
 - We don't need to be worried about the assignment of ECVET credit points
 - They asked about how this activity is financed. We said that Erasmus+ KA1
- They said that they had studied the one2one project and they've seen that it is very good because we can also combine a stage in a school with experience of internships. This is "a real successful case".
- Ms. Anna Barbieri highlighted the matter of the teachers that can go abroad to teach: this is very interesting and relevant. We explain that, as the ProjectX is perfectly known and controlled by the teacher who is going to travel and the teacher who will host him; so fears disappear... Robert explained his experience travelling to Spain. Teacher's mobility can be done for one/two weeks, and this is possible.

- Antonio spoke about the difficulties: to choose a good moment when the teachers and students can travel abroad -that must fit with the school's academic program, the barrier of the language (the International experience in all schools is promoting the learning of European languages), and the preparation of the activities. He explains that the one2one methodology allows big flexibility to overcome those problems.
- Another important topic we spoke about was the importance of involving school's principals in the process of internationalization. Evelyne highlighted that this is not for participating in any concrete activities, but by having their permission and for encouraging the teachers and staff. Speaking about the document "RIGA Conclusions 2015", he says that there is no specific measure regarding the involvement of principals, but Mr. Felix Rohn disagrees: it is included in the staff measures.
- As a conclusion, we can say that in InnMain we don't have a "perfect" model for mobility, but a "possible" one (a realistic one).
- Antonio asked for recognition or something similar in order to make those tools and methodology more attractive to VET institutions and companies. They said that this is a responsibility of the National Agencies, but they encouraged us to ask for it and gave us some advice on where to disseminate our initiatives.
- Antonio offered himself to go wherever they wanted to explain those two TOI Projects and also the InnMain organization.
- They encourage us to give continuity to those two projects and strengthen the InnMain Network: "it is fresh air for us". "We need massive involvement and practical experiences all over Europe".

5 What they told us and were interested in telling us

- Ms. Maria Todorova was interested in activities we offer to adult people. She recommended us to check the documents published by the CEDEFOP.
- They would like to know the figures of teachers' mobility
- They wanted to present us the initiative: **European Alliance for Apprenticeships**.
 - They asked us if we knew this initiative.
 - They are very interested in disseminating this organization and invite companies, schools and other social partners to join it.
 - They encourage all the InnMain members to join this network.
- Antonio committed to inform to all the partners about this initiative. You can find information here:
 - http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=1147&langId=en
 - http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=738&langId=en&pubId=7805&furtherPubs=yes

EUROPEAN ALLIANCE FOR APPRENTICESHIPS:

You can watch in streaming the 4th Stakeholder meeting that took place in Brussels, 5 October2015, in streaming in this address: https://scic.ec.europa.eu/streaming/alliance-for-apprenticeships