

The e-training tool "I would like to be a leader" continues to be recognized as a best practice at European level

The free online training tool on competences and skills for leadership, that is the result of the FEPIC project, was selected as a <u>best practice by the European Commission</u> and presented by Miretta Giacometti, coordinator of the project, to the people attending the launch of the Lifelong Learning Programme 2012, in Bruxelles on 28 October 2011.



The "I would like to be a leader" e-training tool was also among the 22 projects selected by independent experts among the 294 projects funded by the European Commission within the Lifelong Learning Programme.

On 9-11 May 2012 Miretta Giacometti was invited to Copenhagen to present the e-training tool at the final conference of the project <u>"New Skills Network"</u> by which the National Agencies of European countries put in evidence the training policies for coping with future economic and social changes.

The WITEC members that were partners in the FEPIC projects and the 63 female students and engineers involved in the process are proud of these recognitions.



Have you already visited the <u>"I would like to be a leader" website</u>? It is available in 6 languages and is a fun and easy to use tool, styled like a game. Enjoy!

WiTEC Italy

Gender and the environment

Women claim their role in Environment protection The gender view within Environmental issues



EDEM Board members are happy to announce that EDEM's application is among those selected after evaluation to be funded in the framework of Action 3.2.4. "Support of NGOs (Women's Organisations)" of the Operational Programme"Administrative Reform 2007-2013".



The realization of the project had started since May 2012 and its implementation begins immediately. The action plan of EDEM was the only one which was marked as "innovative" provided that it was not addressed to the usual topics of supporting women (social discrimination, violence against women, minorities, etc). The Action Plan of EDEM has the title:

<u>Women claim their role for the Environment protection - The</u> gender view in the Environment issues

Its aim is to underline the sensitivity of women on issues



regarding the environment and the role that women can play to protect the environment and inspire girls at secondary education to study engineering with environmental specialization without professional stereotypes to bias their higher studies' choices.

The actions of this plan target all Women Engineers, members of the Technical Chamber of Greece (TCG) and students in four high schools where there will take place pilot-open discussions and exhibitions, with their parents and teachers included. For the implementation of the Action Plan, EDEM will rely on contributions from women engineers who specialize in environmental issues or deal with issues that include the environment such as:

- Bioclimatic Design
- Energy upgrading of buildings
- Urban and Non-Urban Planning
- Energy Conservation
- Renewable Energy Sources
- Recycling
- Management of Water resources

Short Description of the Action Plan: Implementation Organization:

Association of Greek Women Engineers (EDEM) www.edem-net.gr, e-mail: edem@tee.gr, Beneficiary:

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WiTEC Greece

Sheffield welcomes our EU partners!

We have had an interesting summer here at Inova, hosting several European partners in Sheffield to discuss the different mentoring practices in Europe. This summer we hosted our partners in mENTERing and E-mentoring projects and are excitedly waiting for the next steps that will keep us busy this coming autumn!

On 23rd May we hosted our partners in mENTERing, a project focusing on providing new standards and practices for VET trainers in business who are interested in incorporating mentoring practices into their training methods. The partners from Bulgaria, Greece and Spain met at the Sheffield Showroom Cinema and Workstation to discuss the next steps of the project, namely the research done in partner countries to measure the level of competencies of VET trainers as mentors and identify training needs. This information was shared among partners in order to develop and improve training materials for the project and design the pilot courses taking place later in the year. The partners left Sheffield with a great deal of shared knowledge and hopefully a great image of our city that treated them with good weather and food.



Our second meeting took place on 27th-28th June when we organised a meeting for the E-mentoring project. The project is a shared partnership between Bulgaria, Italy, Belgium and Turkey and focuses on providing innovative solutions for online mentoring targeted to people who face disadvantages reaching conventional mentoring and support services, mainly people with disabilities and senior citizens. The meeting also invited our external evaluators, a Sheffield based education company called Intercambio to give us their feedback on the project planning and outputs so far and we were extremely grateful for their efforts and detailed comments that will surely help us develop this project further. We are hoping to launch the online training platform for the project very soon, so that we can begin planning our pilot courses and recruiting participants.

On the second day after the meeting we also had an opportunity to visit Sheffield City College on their Vocational Education Programmes. We were given a grand tour of the excellent facilities and a presentation of the online Mentoring Programme tackling digital isolation in the Yorkshire region by providing technical support and teaching to people unfamiliar with Information technology, computers and mobile technology. Our guests were particularly taken by the investments made in Vocational Education in Sheffield and the great variety of programmes offered by the college and returned home with new insights and ideas for planning E-mentoring further.



Keep tuned on the websites to get the latest development on these two projects:

mENTERing: http://mentering.eu/homepage-2/ E-Mentoring: http://www.ementoring.eu/

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