

Promoting and Validating Key Competences in Mobility and Traineeships in Europe

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PROMOTE FINAL DISSEMINATION CONFERENCE

PROMOTE final conference will take place on 22 and 23 September in Thessaloniki (GR), home of the Aristoteles University (partner in the project) and of CEDEFOP, the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training. The Conference will be organised in cooperation with other two ERASMUS+ projects:

- IMPACT (KA2) focusing on the integration of innovative learning technologies in both validation and learning processes
- EULE (OWL), a recently started project funded by the German Ministry of Research and Education, dedicated to continuing professional development of professionals in Adult Education.

Participants will have the chance to get to know PROMOTE activities and results and learn more about informal learning at the workplace and the validation of transversal competences. And they will also have the chance to assist to the award ceremony of the 3rd my-VITA award for innovative practice and initiatives on validating competences in informal and non-formal learning in Europe!

Keep checking <u>PROMOTE website</u> for more information about the Conference.

See you in Thessaloniki!



Picture of the Conference venue



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LA VITA È BELLA! - THIRD EUROPEAN MY-VITA AWARD

The my-VITA prize reaches its 3rd edition! The initiative was launched by the founders of the my-VITA platform for learners, trainers, educational institutions, to reward the most promising European initiatives and projects that:

- work in an innovative and novel fashion;
- focus on integrating competence oriented learning in their learning contexts;
- target also social, personal and organisational competences;
- reflect on/consider ways of measuring and documenting learner's development in relation to these competences;
- promote understanding and awareness for the evaluation / validation of informal and nonformal learning and highlight its value either for the individual (whose competences were validated) or for the organisation (which validates competences)

In 2016 the award organisers are particularly keen on practice projects that (either/or):

- work at the interface of academic and business (the PROMOTE focus)
- integrate innovative learning technologies in both validation and learning processes (the IMPACT focus)
- relate to the continuing professional development of professionals in Adult Education (the OWL focus)

The competition is targeted towards individuals, companies, training funds,

professional groups, NGOs, VET schools, schools, universities, youth organisations, public authorities, institutions of LLL, civic society organisations, social partners, professionals and researchers. Participants must live in one of the 27 EU Member States, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland, Croatia, and Turkey.

Ongoing or completed, existing or planned case studies, initiatives or projects can enter the competition. To participate visit the My-Vita page <u>http://mahara.vita-</u> <u>eu.org/view/view.php?id=2488</u> and follow the directions listed there. Submit your idea by 15th August!

The ten winners will be invited to present their project at the conference which will be held in Thessaloniki on 22 and 23 September. The prize includes travel, accommodation and subsistence for a 2day trip to Thessaloniki. All winners will get the opportunity to present their cases during the final conference and will benefit from a European wide dissemination in a specific newsletter and on our PROMOTE website. We look forward to your contributions!





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PROMOTE VALIDATION PROCESS

In the most recent project phase, the validation procedures developed by PROMOTE have been successfully applied to approximately 140 learners who have undertaken European mobility projects and traineeships, via a mix of modular training units and self-guided but web-based learning modality. The learners, guided by multipliers trained by PROMOTE, have acquired a set of key competences which have then been validated via the PROMOTE procedure, at the end of which learners will be issued a LEVEL5 certificate.



PRESENTING PROMOTE IDEAS

PROMOTE was presented to organizations offering support to young entrepreneurs and SMEs in Europe (of both the public and private sector). The presentation was held during the workshop on aftercare services for young entrepreneurs, within the EYE program that was held in Brussels on 29th of February.



The project was also recently presented at the event "Job Lab" organised by Comincenter in Matera, Italy. The public was made up of young people currently looking for a job. They were introduced to the possibilities of applying the concepts of validation of competences via the open learning environment developed by PROMOTE, and to the LEVEL5 certificates, which could enrich their CVs.



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