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Education as Key to Success

The link between vocational schools, lifelong learning and the world of work



Project Team



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Project Background

The unemployment rate among young people under 25 years in the European Union is 25% on the average. In countries participating in the EKS project the unemployment rate of young people is quite high: 35,0% of young people in Slovakia, 29,0% in Hungary and 26,2% in France have no job (Eurostat, April 2013).

Even in countries with low unemployment rate school leavers have difficulties in managing the transition from education to employment.

In many cases they lack basic competences and the necessary soft skills.

Aims and Objectives

This project activities focus on the situation of school leavers younger than 25 years old who has finished successfully a vocational training.

The project aims to identify good practices and to exchange information among the project partners and to bridge the gap between the competences and skills of the target group and the market needs.

The project wants to contribute to the improvement of the employability of school leavers under 25.

Activities and Intended Results

- Analysis of the job situation of the target group. Research on expectations of employers in terms of competences and soft skills of young jobseekers under 25. Conclusions and recommendations for actions to taken by vocational schools, employers and target group.
- The project results will be presented in brochures and DVD-Roms (in five languages: English, Slovakian, French, German, Hungarian) and also be published on the project webpage.
 - Regional meetings in all partner countries between labour market offices, vocational schools and employers. The participants will discuss ways and means on how to improve the competences and soft skills of job seekers under 25.
- Project webpage



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