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Aligning HE and VET instruments

THE PROJECT

THE PROJECT'S AIM

IMPROVE QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

The project aims to adapt Higher Education Institutions (HEI) and Vocational Education and Training (VET) Providers to the labour market requirements by improving the functioning of teaching quality management systems at the national and international levels.

METHODOLOGY FOR THE QUICK-SCAN TOOL

- The QA-HEVET project's first main result is finalised now with a comparative analysis of HEI and VET quality assurance systems. This is the solid basis based on which the project's remaining results are supposed to be built. Significant work has also been done in the second project's result: recommendations for moving to an aligned quality assurance system. First, as the result's leader, Folkuniversitetet has developed the first version of the self-assessment tool methodology and quality attention areas. This tool is supposed to be developed for Higher Education Institution (HEIs) and VET providers in order to help them in their self-assessment of their quality assurance systems.

THE PROJECT'S ACHIEVED RESULTS

- Then, led by Folkuniversitetet, the partnership has conducted field analysis of the quality assurance systems in practice, in all partner countries, through visits to HEIs and VET providers. For a more comprehensive analysis, consultation meetings have also been conducted with experts in the field of quality assurance in the two systems. Each partner has reported the results of field analysis and consultation meetings to Folkuniversitetet.

THE CONSORTIUM



CURRENT STAGE OF THE PROJECT

Utilising the project's first result and the conducted field analysis and consultation meetings, Folkuniversitetet has prepared the edited and updated version of the self-assessment tool methodology. This methodology has been reviewed by the rest of the partnership for feedback and recommendations.

The last version of the self-assessment tool is now being used by the leader of the project's third result (Dimitra): the Quick Scan tool for VET providers and HEIs. The methodology includes all the content to be used for the self-assessment tool (i.e. the Quick Scan tool).

TRANSNATIONAL PARTNERS' MEETINGS



- Within the framework of the QA-HEVET project, three transnational face-to-face meetings have been conducted where the project partners had the opportunity to meet, exchange and organise their work on the project. The first meeting was in Larisa, Greece, hosted by Dimitra. The second one was hosted by Folkuniversitetet-Uppsala in Sweden. Finally, the last face-to-face meeting was held in Perugia, Italy, hosted by TUCEP. The next upcoming transnational meeting is to be conducted in April, in Cyprus, hosted by Emphasys, with the presence of all the consortium members. The focus of this meeting will be partners' work on and contribution to the Quick Scan tool development, led by Dimitra. Other transversal points will also be discussed in this meeting like the project's quality assurance and dissemination updates and activities.



WHAT WE WILL DO IN THE FUTURE

- In the upcoming months, the focus of partners will be on the development of the Quick Scan tool, led by Dimitra. As the leader of this project result, Dimitra will soon deliver a mapping of the Quick Scan tool needs and quality indicators. The activity initiates with mapping the updating needs of the Quick-Scan tool by Dimitra and developing the online questionnaire based on quality indicators which are decided based on the attention areas included in the self-assessment tool methodology.
- The project is supposed to end in September 2024 with the self-assessment tool "Quick Scan tool" to be used by VET providers and HEIs to evaluate their own quality assurance systems.
- Would like to take part of the process? You think the Quick Scan tool might be useful to your institution, feel free to contact us through our project's website:
<https://qahevet.projectlibrary.eu/contact.html>