

WBL Guarantee Newsletter n° 2

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What's new in WBL Guarantee?

Welcome to the second newsletter of the Erasmus+ project WBL Guarantee. This newsletter aims to present the main updates of the project, including the second transnational meeting held in Valencia (Spain) and the research study about professional roles and challenges of WBL schemes in Europe.

WBL Guarantee at a glance

OBJECTIVE OF THE PROJECT

To develop, design and validate two curriculum programs for the professional development of in-company tutors (SMEs) and job-counsellors/professionals (public/private sector) working with WBL measures in Europe.

KEY TARGET GROUPS

Employers/mentors working within SMEs and employment counsellors and professionals working in VET/employment agencies.

PROJECT IMPACT

The project will look at reinforcing and up skilling the in-company tutors and job counsellors' competences. WBL will aim to develop two curriculum programmes through a number of best practical 'models', 'tools' and mobility programs which the successful in company tutors and job-counsellors can incorporate into their work with job seekers, learners and apprentices/trainees to ensure successful sustained WBL outcomes.

PARTNERSHIP

WBL Guarantee brings together 5 partner Countries and 11 organisations representing the WBL Alliance in Europe and coming from different sectors (public Authorities with regulatory capabilities for VET/ALMPs; VET/Employment agencies and providers; Social Partners representing SMEs and Universities).



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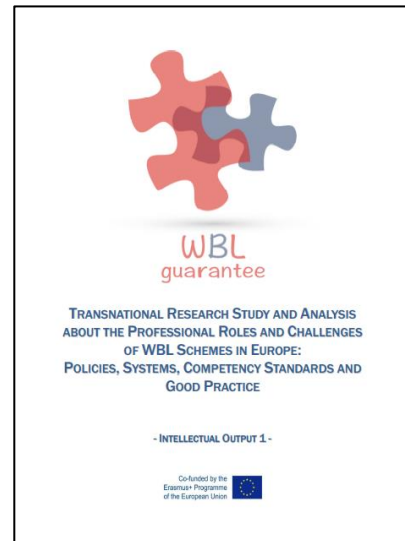
First intellectual output of the project: Transnational research study and analysis

The first intellectual output of the project is now complete, and it will soon be available in the project [webpage!](#)

The “*Transnational Research Study and Analysis about the professional roles and challenges of WBL schemes in Europe: Policies, Systems, Competency Standards and Good Practices*”, takes into account the different WBL systems existing in the partner countries and reviews organizational and regulatory changes of public and private employment services working with WBL schemes.

Apart from the desk research, the study is based on a collection of surveys that were conducted with the purpose of gathering the opinion of stakeholders (WBL users; sending organizations; hosting organizations) on the different forms of WBL, their potentialities and shortcomings.

- This research is of outmost importance for WBL Guarantee, as it will serve as a pathway for the development of two new job profiles, whose curriculum programs will be developed over the course of the project.



Second transnational meeting in Valencia



The second transnational project meeting was held in Valencia (Spain) and hosted by FEMEVAL on the 18 and 19 of October 2018. These two days of meeting represented a great opportunity for partner organisations to catch up with different project issues, as well as to discuss the progress of the first Intellectual Output.



Partner organisations dedicated three intense sessions to Intellectual Outputs 1, 2 and 3. During the first one, ERIFO provided information concerning the desk and the primary research elaborated in the report, pointing out how all the contributions made by the various partners helped to shape the final research study. After that, partners discussed and exchanged ideas about the implementation of the second output, a Curriculum Programme for in-company tutors (SMEs) involved in WBL schemes. The third session was led by FyG, who did a presentation on IO3, concerning the “design, development and test of common curriculum programme for the professional development of job counsellors/trainers working with WBL programmes”.

The rest of the sessions consisted of a general update concerning dissemination and communication, quality assessment and financial and reporting, which are key aspects of the development of the project.

Next steps...

Next year will be full of important events for the project WBL Guarantee. Apart from the publication of the Transnational research study and analysis, partners will also make available the Curriculum Programme for in-company tutors (SMEs) involved in WBL schemes. To sum up, during 2019 partners will continue to work in the reinforcement and up skilling of in-company tutors and job counsellors’ competences.

From the WBL partnership, we invite you to check the project [webpage](#) and like the project [Facebook](#) page in order to keep track of all the updates.



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