

Abstract: The development of learner and labour market needs oriented training paths





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The EULEP project

EULEP is the European Learning Experience Platform. EULEP is a so-called "Centre of Vocational Excellence" that strives towards enhancing the role of Vocational Education and Training (VET) in lifelong learning. It targets businesses, VET providers, VET governance structures, VET trainers and learners in eight countries.

It brings together 20 organisations (Chambers of commerce, VET providers, Higher Education institutions and other public stakeholders) from 8 countries under the leadership of Eurochambres.

The partners work together with the following objectives:

- Make C-VET (continuous vocational education and training) more attractive for lifelong learning;
- Offer businesses new and tailor-made training modules that correspond to their skills needs in innovation-oriented subjects (artificial intelligence (AI), virtual reality (VR) and social innovation (SI));
- Upskill and reskill people with labour market relevant skills and competences in AI, VR and SI;
- Develop innovative learner-centred teaching and learning methodologies for the continuing professional development of VET trainers;
- Establish or reinforce knowledge triangles at regional and national level thanks to the triangulation business VET provider European Digital Innovation Hub (EDIH);
- Embed VET in regional economic development strategies and reinforce its governance, putting it on a sustainable path.

EULEP Beneficiaries

As mentioned above, EULEP targets businesses, VET providers, VET governance structures, VET trainers and learners with a series of specific activities.

The present document presents an insight into the outcomes of the training activities preparation phase.

For its training activities EULEP targets VET trainers and businesses, and the preparation phase has been implemented, taking this into account.

Outcomes of the training activities preparation phase

a) Labour market and learning needs analysis

The foundation of the work done in the EULEP project lies in the labour market and learning needs analysis of Work Package 2. The project partners followed a bottom up and end user centred approach. The methodology consisted of 6 major steps:

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- 1. Desk research
- 2. Companies survey
- 3. Definition of the personas (learner and trainer)
- 4. Definition of the learning outcomes
- 5. Training needs reality check
- 6. Identification of recognition / validation criteria

The outcomes of the analysis are presented in the reports: <u>Workforce needs for up and</u> reskilling in artificial intelligence, virtual reality and social innovation and <u>Recommendations</u> for the development of transnational training modules. Those results and recommendations are the basis for the development of the learning paths as the modules and units have been derived from the learning outcomes identified.

In summary, the EULEP partners agreed on the following two personas for end users and trainer:

- 1. Learner Persona: end user of training: SME Owner, Manager or any employee in need of adapting his/her skills to the increasing digitalization of business operations and processes influenced by AI/VR.
- 2. Trainer Persona: C-VET Trainer with experience in Digital Transformation processes in Business sectors.

For end users, the identified learning outcomes for AI, VR and SI have been grouped into different categories:

Al learning outcomes	VR learning outcomes	SI learning outcomes
Knowledge of Al	Knowledge of VR	Introduction to SI as tool for
technologies	technologies	organisational change
Analysis of business	Analysis of business	Entrecomp competencies
processes	processes	for change management:
Implementation of AI	Implementation of VR	 Working with others
technologies	technologies	 Mobilising resources,
Evaluation of Al	Evaluation of VR	mobilising others
technologies	technologies	 Taking initiative
Workplace collaboration and	Workplace collaboration and	Creative thinking
communication	communication	 Spotting opportunities
Adaptation to change	Adaptation to change	Ethical and sustainable thinking

For the trainers, the main learning outcomes are:

- Understanding adult learning principles
- Instructional design
- Active learning strategies
- Technology-enhanced learning

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- Evaluation and assessment
- Communication and facilitation skills

b) Development of learning paths

As a result of the previous steps, the following three learning paths are being proposed:

- 1. Artificial Intelligence for Business Users
- 2. Virtual Reality for Business Users
- 3. Social Innovation for Business Users

The learning path **Artificial Intelligence for Business Users** consists of four modules and 11 units:

Module 1: Getting into the world of Al technologies	Module 2: Exploring the application of Al for business processes	Module 3: Monitoring and Evaluation of Al Technologies	Module 4: Managing Change when adopting Al
1.1 Presentation of the latest AI technologies and their potential applications in business operations, including AI capabilities and limitations	2.1 SWOT Analysis (and other tools) on the application of Al in the company processes and operations	 3.1 Development of an AI monitoring and evaluation framework: Defining criteria (including KPIs) Setting metrics Impact analysis Usability testing User feedback collection 	4.1 Team leadership and teamwork in a changing environment – adapting to the introduction of new technologies
 1.2 The usage of AI technologies to improve business processes: Customer relations Human resources Digital marketing E-commerce processes 	2.2 Ethical questions linked to the usage of AI: regulations, data privacy, security, and bias. Insight into the legal background and best practices.		4.2 Communication – the role of communication and how to communicate to different target groups
1.3 How to keep up- to-date with the latest advancements in AI technologies and their potential application in the company	2.3 Development of an Al implementation plan and implementation roadmaps		 4.3 Workplace needs related skills assessments 4.4 Development of a training plan and roadmap for reskilling, upskilling
			or hiring new employees in line with the outcomes of the skills assessment.

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The learning path **Virtual Reality for Business Users** consists of four modules and 11 units:

Module 1: Getting into the world of VR technologies	Module 2: Exploring the application of VR for business processes	Module 3: Monitoring and Evaluation of VR Technologies	Module 4: Managing Change when adopting VR
1.1 Presentation of the latest VR technologies and their potential applications in business operations, including VR capabilities and limitations	2.1 SWOT Analysis (and other tools) on the application of VR in the company processes and operations	 3.1 Development of a VR monitoring and evaluation framework: Defining criteria (including KPIs) Setting metrics Impact analysis Usability testing User feedback collection 	4.1 Team leadership and teamwork in a changing environment – adapting to the introduction of new technologies
1.2 The usage of VR technologies to improve business processes.	2.2 Ethical questions linked to the usage of VR: regulations, data privacy, security, and bias. Insight into the legal background and best practices.		4.2 Communication – the role of communication and how to communicate to different target groups
1.3 How to keep up- to-date with the latest advancements in VR technologies and their potential application in the company	a VR incements implementation plan and implementation otential roadmaps (including	 4.3 Workplace needs related skills assessments 4.4 Development of a training plan and roadmap for reskilling, upskilling or hiring new employees in line with the outcomes of the skills assessment. 	

The learning path **Social Innovation for Business Users** consists of three modules and 21 units:

Module 1: Introduction to Social Innovation as a Tool for Organisational Change	Module 2: Managing Internal Changes	Module 3: Managing External Changes
1.1 Digital transition: the possible effect of the introduction of new technologies on companies'	2.1 Teamwork – working with others: creating a team spirit, cooperation, joint ownership of results, joint	3.1 Introduction into "Corporate Social Responsibility"

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production processes,	creative brainstorming,	
workforce structure,	transforming ideas into	
management practices, and	action as a team	
operating environment		
1.2 Definition of social	2.2 Problem and conflict	3.2 Sustainable
innovation and its two	resolution: face challenges,	Development Goals and
dimensions in the context of	solve problems and turn	digitalisation
companies' adaptation	them into opportunities,	
processes:	resolve conflicts	
1) company internal		
changes related to the		
introduction of new		
technologies;		
2) company external		
processes – "Corporate		
Social Responsibility" (CSR)		
1.3 Social innovation as tool	2.3 Diversity management	3.3 Customer oriented
for mitigating the effects of		market research
changes in companies and		
contributing to a successful		
adaptation process		
1.4 The role of soft skills	2.4 Leadership and Taking	3.4 Supply chain analysis
and an entrepreneurial	Initiative	about the effects of the
attitude for adopting new		introduction of digital
technologies in companies	Q. C. Tracing in at the surger lafe rese	technologies
	2.5 Training the workforce	3.5 Effective communication
	(on new technologies, their	
	personal development plan,	
	their career plan)	2.0. Ethical this kin s
	2.6 Time management	3.6 Ethical thinking
	2.7 Resources management	
	for the adoption of new	
	digital technologies	
	2.8 Effective communication	
	(to different stakeholders	
	and via various means)	
	2.9 Creative thinking	
	2.10 Ethical thinking	
	2.11 Sustainable	
	development	

Next steps

The project partners are going to develop the training materials for the different modules and units, taking into account that the content is to be provided via online learning.

The teaching/learning materials will be uploaded into the European Learning Experience Platform (an online learning platform) that the project is developing.

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An initial training via the platform with Vocational Education and Training (VET) trainers from the project partner countries is foreseen. After that, different piloting sessions with local and regional VET and training providers in each country (Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, France, Italy, Latvia, Spain, Turkey) are going to take place. During the pilot sessions, feedback will be collected from participants and the training materials can be adjusted if necessary.

In a third step, the VET trainers in the eight countries will train businesses (the end users) on the EULEP topics.

On the long term, the EULEP courses are to become part of the VET trainers programmes in the participating countries.

For further information regarding the EULEP project, please visit our website: <u>www.eulep.eu</u>.

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