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NEW TRAINING PROGRAMMES FOR THE FUTURE TCLF OCCUPATIONS SOON TO BE READY UNDER “SKILLS4SMART TCLF INDUSTRIES 2030 BLUEPRINT”

*Skills intelligence and upskilling are essential to support and boost the European economy during times of rapid technological transformation of labour market needs. Upgrading education and training programmes relevant and attractive for young students and employees is the objective of the partners of the **European funded project Erasmus+ “Skills4Smart TCLF Industries 2030 Blueprint”** since early 2018. The consortium is now proud to publicly announce the launch of the training programmes corresponding to the 8 new or updated occupation profiles defined during previous project phases.*

The 22 European partners, in particular the ten education providers, have worked intensively in collaboration with experts from other VET centres across Europe to develop **8 training programmes related to 8 new/upgraded occupations**. The programmes include skills and competences required to embrace the latest technologies. They respond to the current drivers of change and correspond to level 5 of the European Qualification Framework (EQF).

Some key concepts addressed in the courses are traceability, sustainability and “green” supply chain policies, environmental performance of the TCLF products and processes, web technology for e-commerce and online sales, and digital communications and management. The TCLF training programmes related to design have been shaped taking into consideration the latest machinery and design software available for the four sectors.

Easily accessible, online training programmes

Not all regions with TCLF industry representation in Europe can count on VET providers and up-to-date training programmes. Thus, with the aim of facilitating its access to a broader audience across Europe, the project partners have organised the training programmes in packages of **Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) for the 8 TCLF qualification profiles** (four of them sectoral and the other four cross-sectoral). The learning content of each MOOC is structured around learning units, which can be used in both presential, face-to-face teaching and online learning. Consequently, the training programmes are intended to be delivered to students as well as employees/unemployed people. This gives TCLF students the opportunity to access the entire upgraded curricula as part of a study programme, complementing other scholastic topics required by each respective national VET regulations. In addition, workers or businesses in need of upskilling personnel could take advantage of sections of the curricula, by selecting the modules of interest to be delivered within companies or in VET centres providing such services.

Towards the best learning outcomes

In order to ensure the adequateness of the material and to achieve successful results, the project partners **will pilot the training programmes after summer as both initial VET and continuous VET**. Training sessions for students and workers will take place in VET schools to ensure that they will be fit for purpose for each specific group. Once the curricula have been tested and adjusted, project partners will move towards their recognition by the specific authorities within the TCLF industries

More details on the Erasmus+ Skills4Smart European funded project are available [here](#), and by following timely the developments on Twitter [@Skills4TCLF](#).

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2. CEC – European Footwear Confederation, Belgium
3. COTANCE - European Leather Association, Belgium
4. CIAPE- Centro Italiano per l'Apprendimento Permanente, Italy
5. CITEVE- Centro Tecnológico das Indústrias Têxtil e do Vestuário de Portugal, Portugal
6. CNDIPT- Centrul National de Dezvoltare a Invatamantului Profesional si Tehnic, Romania
7. COBOT, Belgium 8. CTCP, Centro Tecnológico do Calçado de Portugal, Portugal
9. HCIA - Hellenic Clothing Industry Association, Greece
10. FUNDAE - Fundación Estatal para la Formación en el Empleo, Spain
11. IVOC, Belgium
12. INESCOP- Instituto Tecnológico del Calzado y Conexas, Spain
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