

## Innovative training course for European luxury and high-end footwear

SHORT-TERM JOINT STAFF TRAINING EVENT- S. JOÃO DA MADEIRA, 27TH - 31ST MARCH

Under the Erasmus+ project High-End Shoe - Innovative Training for Luxury Footwear Manufacturing (HES), the Portuguese Footwear Technology Centre (CTCP) organised a short-term joint staff training event that took place between the 27<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> of March in the CTCP facilities in São João da Madeira, Portugal.

Partners from Portugal, France, Spain, the Czech Republic and Italy participated in a complete training event composed of workshops and visits prepared and promoted by CTCP, aiming at providing trainers and tutors with knowledge on how to make the best use of the course, from the trainers' perspective, to potentiate the impact on the participants. The training also worked out coaching skills to enable the trainers to facilitate learning in the workplace.

During the week, the participants also discussed the contents of the courses and opportunities for improvement

The contents were elaborated by the partners who contributed their expertise to the entire manufacturing process, from the conception, design, and production to quality control, and expedition. The result is a complete and innovative course for High/end and luxury footwear manufacturing.

The next step will be to test the course mainly on-line, which will involve students from the mentioned five European countries. The practical part of the pilot will take place in Italy where 3 selected students from each country involved will be practicing during two weeks.

The HES project aims at supporting and perpetuating the worldwide reputation of the European high-end and luxury footwear manufacturing through the creation and development of an innovative ICT based vocational training course, articulated with workplace learning opportunities and targeted to a wide range of groups - VET students, new talented designers, footwear workers/technicians, and new entrepreneurs.

