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Newsletter

FROM KICK-OFF TO CAPACITY BUILDING

Year 1 at a Glance

The first year of the EmpowerVET project was dedicated to building a solid and evidence-based foundation for sustainable capacity building in vocational education and training (VET).

Starting from the kick-off meeting in Essen, the consortium worked continuously through online collaboration, research activities, and international meetings, culminating in a Train-the-Trainers programme in Göttingen.



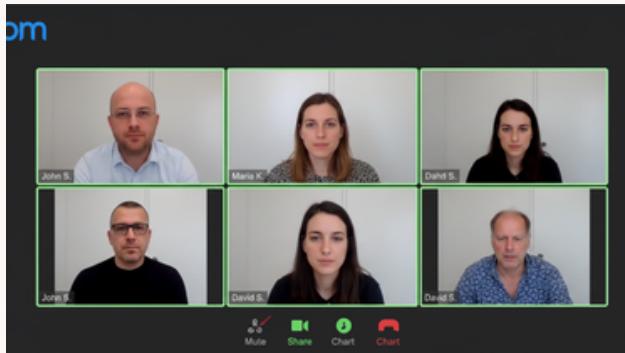
Project Kick-off – Essen, Germany (February)

The project officially launched with the Kick-off Meeting in Essen, hosted by the coordinating partner. Representatives of all consortium members came together to:

- Align on project objectives, structure, and expected results
- Confirm roles, responsibilities, and Work Package leadership
- Agree on coordination mechanisms, reporting routines, and quality standards
- Establish a shared understanding of the project's contribution to VET modernization and entrepreneurship education

This meeting marked the transition from proposal to implementation, ensuring a common vision and operational clarity across the partnership.





During this period, partners worked systematically on:

- Research design and methodological framework, defining tools and indicators
- Development and validation of surveys targeting VET teachers and institutions
- Data collection across partner contexts
- Analysis of results, identifying gaps, needs, and priority areas
- Preparation and delivery of planned project deliverables

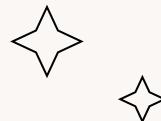
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Transnational Meeting – Vigo, Spain (October)

In October, partners met in Vigo, Spain, for a transnational project meeting focused on consolidating research results and advancing implementation planning.

Key outcomes of the Vigo meeting included:

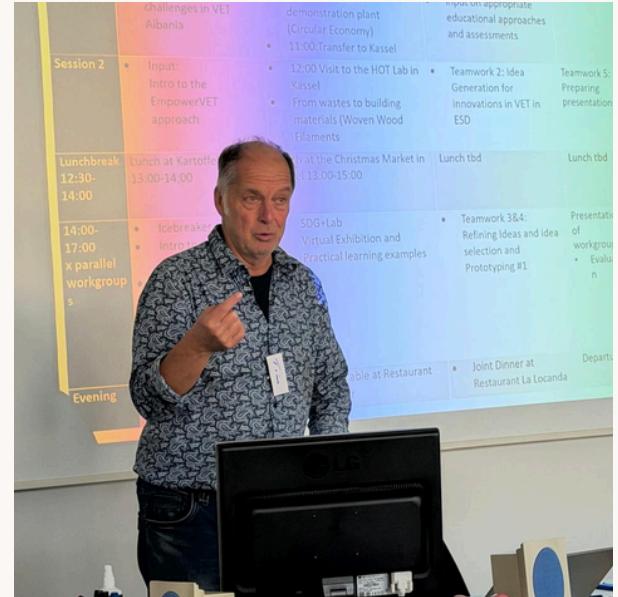
- Joint review and discussion of research findings
- Alignment on training priorities and methodological approaches
- Exchange of good practices between partners
- Strategic planning for capacity-building and piloting activities
- Reinforcement of partnership cooperation and shared ownership



This meeting served as a critical bridge between analysis and action, preparing the ground for the training phase.

Train-the-Trainers Programme – Göttingen, Germany (December)

The first year concluded with the Train-the-Trainers (ToT) programme in Göttingen, representing a major milestone of EmpowerVET.



During the ToT, participating VET teachers and trainers:

- Explored innovative teaching and learning approaches
- Engaged in entrepreneurship education for sustainable development
- Worked in international teams to develop practical solutions
- Translated project concepts into concrete classroom and institutional applications

The ToT positioned teachers as multipliers of change, capable of transferring knowledge and methodologies into their home institutions.

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