

NEWSLETTER FACET PROJECT- “FURNITURE SECTOR AVANT-GARDE CREATIVITY AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP TRAINING”

Although EU furniture manufacturers have good reputation worldwide regarding design, only a few companies are trendsetters while most of companies, especially SMEs, are followers. In the highly-competitive context that furniture companies are facing, they need to be more **creative and entrepreneur**, meaning not only starting new businesses but being able to commercialize new valuable products and services.

The **FACET project** - “Furniture sector Avant-garde Creativity and Entrepreneurship Training” has a duration of 30 months (1.11.2018-30.04.2021) and is aiming to develop new and innovative methods to further strengthening creativity and entrepreneurship in VET programs in the furniture sector. The project will develop intellectual outputs regarding creativity, entrepreneurship and their application in the furniture sector which will be open free accessible from the project website: curricula, online course, work based learning tool, guide for trainers.

The project started from the study of the qualifications and occupations of the furniture sector and has defined the learning outcomes to be covered by the furniture sector creativity and entrepreneurship curricula, with the feedback from furniture industries employees. As a next step, the curricula will be created defining units in detail: generic title, ESCO profiles/qualifications, EQF Level, learning outcomes, procedures and criteria for assessment and ECVET points.

Once the curricula is ready, FACET Online Course will be developed creating the contents, transforming them into interactive learning objects and games, integrating them in an e-learning platform, implementing a badges system. A final test will be run with target users, collecting their feedback and improving the output accordingly. A work based learning tool will also be created and a badges system will be implemented for the recognition of skills as the tool is being used. A guide for trainers will be developed explaining how to use both the online course and the tool for training and how to assess the corresponding learning outcomes, including best practices collected from the outputs' tests. Once all project outputs are created, partners will hold dissemination workshops in their countries in order to spread the results of the project and to get feedback from stakeholders.

The consotium, led by the DISTRETTO INTERNI E DESIGN - DID, Italy is comprising 8 partners from 6 countries: Italy (3), Spain, Portugal, Czech Republic, Greece and Romania. The Faculty of Wood Engineering affiliated to Transilvania University of Brasov (UTBv) is member in this project.

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