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THE IMPACT OF TEVET

The project "**Towards Excellence in Vocational Education and Training**" enabled 61 students of Upper-Secondary School of Economics in Radom to have apprenticeship in England (Plymouth) and Italy (Palermo). The students travelled to the UK, (Tellus Education Group Ltd) and Italy (SEND) in order to gain experience by undergoing vocational practice. The profiles of study of the selected participants include: Logistics Technician, Freight Forwarding Technician and Economics Technician.

The purpose of the project was providing young Polish people living in the area of high unemployment (the rate is up to 25.1 per cent) with the possibility of gaining practical experience at a high European standard. The project also aimed to improve professional competences of the apprentices by gaining by them new skills which will be useful in the labour market and recognized thanks to the use of such European tools as Ascentis Certificate, Europass Mobility, Europass CV, Europass Language Passport and ECVET.

The principles of recruiting mobility members were transparent, objective and they were announced in the beneficiary's school. The recruitment comprised a few phases and took into consideration: a student's interest in learning vocational subjects, his or her language competences, creativity, potential but also a financial situation and and a family status. The selected persons obtained a lot of support from the sending organization before leaving, in the form of additional classes in vocational subjects, a language course emphasizing speaking skills and professional psychological semi-medical and pedagogical training covering all the aspects of mobilities.

In March 2017 eight students came to Plymouth in order to gain practical skills needed for the vocations of Logistician Technician and Forwarding Technician. The workplaces ensured that the Polish youth obtained professional competences at the highest level.

In April 2017 twelve apprentices – economists came to Plymouth in order to participate in workshops at Tellus College.

The project lasted for two years, from 15th Nov, 2016 to 14th July, 2018, so in the following year two more groups of forwarders and economists did their apprenticeship in Plymouth.

The TEVET project was a good example of tightening cooperation between the sectors of education, services and manufacturing, which will result in the strengthening of the synergy effect between education and the working environment.

The participants learnt about innovative training methods and vocational practice and they were granted European certificates.

The beneficiaries were mainly students of ZSE who come from rural disadvantaged areas and who do not have experience of staying in a foreign country before. The European Social Fund enabled these students to develop professionally, linguistically and culturally, which will lead to their social inclusion and will increase their chances in the labour market. Other effects of TEVET include: improving vocational foreign language whose meaning is gradually increasing due to internationalization of economy, boosting employment opportunities, stimulating entrepreneurship of young people, their initiatives as well as fostering the idea of continuing education or lifelong learning.

The selected training and job centres are institutions promoting intercultural values, tolerance and respect for other ethnic groups. Furthermore, the European dimension of education and training will facilitate personal development of youth of poor, disadvantaged backgrounds.

The project has an impact on the development of ZSE in Radom as a partner of the local enterprises, which will provide many young people living locally with education at a high European level. 11 vocational subject teachers accompanied the students and thus they are able to bring good practices onto the domestic ground. Thanks to their close observations they will implement the procedures of recognition of both formal and non-formal qualifications as well as the European tools for assessment of qualifications and skills. Foreign good practices were brought to Poland and employed in ZSE. Furthermore, we expect that cooperation with foreign firms will be set up, which will boost innovation in Poland in the future.

TEVET complies with the Europe 2020 strategy focused on making the EU a “smart, sustainable and inclusive” economy through increasing employment competitiveness, economic growth and integration of the labour market thanks to the increased mobility of students, and to the sectoral and horizontal assumptions of the ERASMUS+ scheme.

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