EntrePubl

Entrepreneurial Skills in the Public Sector

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Welcome to the first project newsletter for ENTREpreneurial skills in the PUBLic sector (EntrePubl) co-funded by the European Union

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About our project

Project objectives

EntrePubl aims to develop training pathways to enable public servants to view their role differently and approach challenges with an entrepreneurial mindset. This will help them collaborate more effectively and improve efficiency. The project also focuses on implementing digital solutions within public institutions. To achieve this, VET trainers and providers will be engaged to design an educational package that meets the needs of public sector employees and helps them develop digital skills for entrepreneurial learning. VET educators and public institution trainers will offer the training.

The project will use the EntreComp and DigComp frameworks to identify the essential entrepreneurial and digital skills that public sector employees need. This will help them develop new capabilities and digital skills and create value for their institution and the public.

Are you curious about what it means to be entrepreneurial? Check out this **article** for some insightful answers and broaden your understanding on this exciting topic!

Throughout this project EntrePubl seeks to:

- Develop a **training path** on digital and entrepreneurial skills for public employees at local/regional level.
- **Support VET institutions** and partners with upskilling opportunities for their staff.
- **Empower VET trainers** to apply entrepreneurial thinking using a digital approach.
- Promote the use of **flexible online training** by VET trainers.
- **Strengthen the public sector** to deliver up to date services and adopt digital practices.
- Design a **certification scheme** for VET trainers.

Why is it important for public sector employees to enhance their digital and entrepreneurial skills? Take a look at this **article** to find out more.

Get to know the project partners

The project draws on the experience and skills of a great consortium of **eight partners** from **six countries (Belgium, Greece, Italy, Cyprus, Romania and Slovenia)**.

Bantani Education, the project is led by Bantani Education, a non-profit organisation based in **Belgium**, working collaboratively to drive entrepreneurial and creative learning.

SPW EER: Emploi et Formation, The Department of Employment and Vocational Training of the Ministry (SPW) Economy, Employment, Research participates in the implementation of an active employment and training policy in Wallonia, **Belgium**.

The Academy of Entrepreneurship (AKEP), from **Greece**, aims to contribute to the acquisition and development of entrepreneurship and professional competences for its beneficiaries.

Govhack, based in **Greece**, is the first Innovation Center for Digital Transformation in Public Administration and Local Government.

C.O. Gruppo, based in **Italy** offer their expertise in social and organisational research projects, strategic consultancy services and change management.

T-HAP is from **Cyprus** and aims at optimising chances for wellness in people's lives, establishing and enhancing wellbeing of individuals, professionals, and communities.

ICEP s.r.o., established in **Slovakia** promotes the acquisition, development and recognition of professional, digital and personal competences of individuals.

Galati Municipality is a local public administration based in **Romania**, it operates on the basis of the principles of local autonomy, decentralisation of public services, eligibility of local public administration authorities, legality and consultation of citizens in solving local issues of particular interest.

Read this **article** to find out more about our project partners.

The EntrePubl Partners at the exciting kick-off meeting

Milestones so far

Our transnational meetings

In October 2022, the project partners gathered in Namur, Belgium for an invigorating kick-off meeting hosted by SPW Emploi - Formation and led by Bantani Education. This meeting was an excellent opportunity for partners to meet each other in person, plan the project's implementation, and gain inspiration from one another. After the first face-to-face meeting, the partners feel evermore energised and inspired by each other and all partners recognise their role in accomplishment of the project goals.

We continued our work with a very productive online meetings in March 2023 where we took the opportunity to reflect on our project achievements in the past six months and engage in meaningful discussions about the next steps required for successful implementation. The meeting was highly productive and served as an excellent opportunity to strengthen our partnership and commitment towards achieving our project goals.

Read about the kick-off meeting in this **article**

Methodology

Project partner, C.O.Gruppo, led the development of a methodological concept for the EntrePubl project, which focuses on creating a blended curriculum to enhance the entrepreneurial and digital skills of public sector operators. The concept is aimed at supporting the design, development, and testing of the curriculum within the framework of the project.

Local Labs

As part of the project, Local Labs were organised in six countries to invite VET trainers and public sector stakeholders to participate in collaborative discussions to co-shape and co-validate the EntrePubl Methodology concept. These engaging and collaborative labs provided valuable feedback for the development of the EntrePubl training pathway.

Make sure to read this **article** to know more about successful local labs!

Coming up

Creating a Path to Success - Developing a Comprehensive EntrePubl Curriculum

The next phase of our implementation involves developing a comprehensive course on the eight core competences including Creativity, Ethical and sustainable thinking, Self-awareness and self-efficacy, Taking the initiative, Working with others, Mobilising resources, Financial Literacy, and Information and data literacy. Our team is currently working diligently to develop engaging and informative course material that will help learners to develop and improve these essential competences. Through this course, we aim to equip learners with the knowledge and skills they need to successfully navigate the challenges of entrepreneurship, create value, and contribute positively to society.

Approbation – Training activity for VET trainers

We are excited to announce that the Approbation Training for VET trainers is scheduled to take place from 13th-15th June 2023 in the beautiful city of Bologna, Italy. The training will span over a period of three days and will host a total of eighteen trainers from six countries. The primary objective of the training is to equip VET trainers with the knowledge and skills they need to effectively implement the EntrePubl methodology and modules. Through interactive workshops and practical training sessions, participants will learn the intricacies of the methodology and develop their teaching skills to improve the learning outcomes of their students.

Read more about the training activity in this article.

Design of the EntrePubl digital space - MOOC area and Community of Practice

We will create the EntrePubl digital space, comprising the Community of Practice (CoP) and MOOCs area. The CoP will facilitate networking and resource sharing among members with common interests, sectors or locations, fostering collaboration and creativity among internal and external stakeholders to enhance organizational performance through harnessing collective intelligence.

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