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The project entitled RoboVET: Definition and Implementation of a VET Programme in Robotics Technician was launched on 1st October 2018 and will be concluded on 30th September 2020.
The project aims to create a new VET graduation that will highly promote the employment and will foster the local economic development by providing qualified Robotics technicians to the labour market.
Direct target groups will be VET students and teachers, VET schools and schools with VET offers, training centres, enterprises and relevant qualification authorities. Indirectly will be involved social partners from different bodies, policymakers and job counseling and /or recruiting entities.

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RoboVET
VET Programme in Robotics Technician

About the Project

The project has 4 objectives:

1. increase the employability of young people by matching the market needs to the qualifications;
2. contribute to the development of a highly skilled, qualified and mobile workforce;
3. support joint developments in VET in Europe and strengthen its quality, relevance and attractiveness by allowing the transferability and mutual recognition of qualifications, making it more appealing for the future workforce;
4. Promote the economic development, especially of the SMEs which traditionally have lower capacity to recruit skilled workers, by promoting VET offers in Robotics.

There are 5 results the project will achieve:

1. a needs assessment on Robotics training;
2. a detailed qualification profile including the expected learning outcomes;
3. the matching of skills' needs to the market needs;
4. a joint curriculum mutually recognized; and new training units;
5. sustainable cooperation structures to increase youth employment and VET attractiveness.

The creation of the Robotics Technician VET Course will have an impact upon VET students who will have access to a new training offer in an area with a high level of employability. VET providers and teachers will deliver a more attractive training offer and improve the capacity to respond to the skills needs of the job market. Enterprises and job market will increase quality, productivity, and competitiveness by having access to highly skilled personnel.

Kick off Meeting

In November 27th and 28th 2018 the partners from three EU countries (Portugal, Spain and Cyprus) came together in Espinho, Portugal for the first partnership meeting of RoboVET: Definition and Implementation of a VET Programme in Robotics Technician.

CEPROF (PT) is the leading partner of the project, co-funded by the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union, implemented in cooperation with OVARFORMA (PT); APSU (PT); ANQEP (PT); ACCIÓN LABORAL (ES); Consejería de Educación (ES); WUSMed (ES); RTD Talos Ltd (CY); Ministry of Education and Culture (CY); European Office of Cyprus (CY). The partners presented their institutions and went through the most important points of the project: the objectives, working packages, multiplier events, project management, implementation, dissemination and exploitation activities, quality assurance, monitoring and evaluation of the project.

The most critical decisions made at this meeting allowed for the development of the first tasks according to a timeline agreed by the participants. It was a very important moment for the beginning of the project, because it allowed the partners to work face-to-face.

"The best way to predict the future is to invent it!"

Work in Progress

At present, the RoboVET partners are implementing the activities from Work Package1. They have started by a workshop that presented the state of the art of Robotics in Cyprus, Portugal and Spain and now they are assessing the training needs on Robotics through questionnaires and interviews to VET providers, VET trainers and SMEs' representatives.

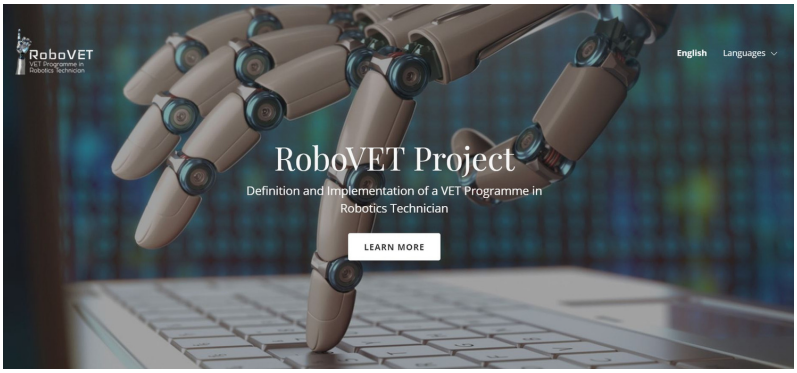
The partners are also performing an analysis of the VET curricula on areas related to Robotics in each partner country. The analysis will allow to fine-tune the already tested concepts and contents that can be transferable among partners' countries and that will have the potential to be included in the course structure.

What's next?

The partners will produce the preliminary course structure and will promote one round table in each Cyprus, Portugal and Spain to discuss the main findings from the activities and the course structure.
The next meeting will be held in Cyprus in May 8th and 9th. The partners will discuss the detailed qualification profile the EQF principles applied to the learning outcomes of the course, the joint curriculum and the new training units.

Tasks will be assigned, deadlines established and the work methodology fine-tuned.

More information about the project you can find at our website www.robovetproject.com



This is the first of a five series newsletters sharing information on the project *RoboVET: Definition and Implementation of a VET Programme in Robotics Technician*