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Background

To remain relevant for the world of work and attractive to learners and potential employers, modern TVET systems need to adapt to new technologies and structural changes in the labour market. A main challenge of TVET is to create modern and attractive professions and career paths, which attract and integrate youth. With ever-faster innovation cycles, the demand for peer learning is also accelerating, both within Europe and internationally.

In the European UNEVOC Network, there is already a wealth of experience in addressing some of the above challenges, but little space to exchange on the experience of implementing new ideas and concepts. Such an exchange, however, could help improve, speed-up or, in some instances, initiate relevant action to ensure modern and relevant TVET, both in Europe and beyond.

In particular, there is a high demand in TVET to capitalize on the opportunities from digitalization trends, to contribute to sustainability through green career pathways and competencies and to foster entrepreneurial skills. There is also a high demand to understand how TVET can help to cope with the challenge of migration, both at the sending and the receiving end.

The BILT project seeks to support TVET institutions in addressing the transformation challenges and to explore innovative approaches and new practices. Having national competencies in view, the project supports collaboration activities that are targeted to enhance national as well as multinational TVET capacities, generate new knowledge and share information in TVET. The project mobilizes and reactivates the European UNEVOC TVET cluster as a platform to foster learning and to establish content-oriented synergies in TVET. It also acts as a springboard for trans-regional action, involving innovative UNEVOC Centres in the Asia-Pacific and African regions.

The BILT project is carried out in collaboration with the UNEVOC Network, coordinated by UNESCO-UNEVOC with support of the Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training, BIBB and sponsored by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research, BMBWF.

Our goals

- To exchange on innovative practices and how TVET systems address their integration
- To activate the European Cluster of the UNEVOC Network through collaboration in innovation and learning bridges
- To identify the pathways and examples to include new qualifications and competencies which are needed for modern, competitive TVET systems and attractive career paths
- To create opportunities and identify potentials to bridge innovation and learning experiences between Europe, Africa and Asia

Greening

responding to new societal demands and development paradigms for sustainable development, reduced environmental impact and moving towards a greener economy and society



Digitalization

providing response to new skills demands, as technology has permeated the world of work and is changing the profile of jobs



Migration

accelerating the integration of migrant workers into their host communities, and allowing them to become productive members of the workforce, and helping to identify TVET interventions and opportunities to reduce migration pressure whether migration is driven by displacement due to conflict, climate change or employment



Entrepreneurship

unlocking the potential of innovative entrepreneurial activities and fostering entrepreneurial culture



New qualifications and competencies

identifying examples and case studies of how new qualifications and competencies are put into practice, ensuring future-oriented, attractive TVET career paths and contributing to a competitive economy



Project timeline

The BILT project focuses on consolidating the European UNEVOC Cluster. An additional bridging component with UNEVOC Centres from Africa and Asia is initiated in 2020.

Key project events 2019-2020:

BILT Kick-off Conference
10-11 July 2019

Work stream workshops
Oct.-Dec. 2019

BILT Launch
2 December 2019

Asia-Europe Conference
May 2020

Africa-Europe Conference
June 2020

BILT Europe Conference
Sep. 2020

BILT Learning Summit and
Launch of BILT Europe-Africa/Asia
Dec. 2020

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