



## Emotional Literacy for Vocational Education and Training

*The EL4VET newsletter...updating you on emotional literacy...*  
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### PORTUGUESE PILOTING & ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION



After Portugal received the first transfer workshop about Emotional Literacy, ISQ organized in July the first **pilot course** of the project in national language and invited 12 VET teachers and trainers, school directors and directors of teachers training centres. During the two-day piloting, all participants had the opportunity to develop different skills important to increase their Emotional Literacy, as self-confidence, enthusiasm, optimism and conflict management. The training was practice oriented with lots of group dynamics.



After the workshop, ISQ promoted a second national **roundtable discussion** to reflect about the importance, usefulness and dissemination of Emotional Literacy methodology and tools. All participants were willing to participate actively in national dissemination and exploitation activities and stress the add value of have this topic accredited by the Portuguese Council of Scientific-Pedagogical Teacher Training. ISQ is at this moment work with tree centres for training teachers for developing an accreditation dossier in Portugal.

### UK NATIONAL AGENCY VISITS THE EL4VET PROJECT

#### Great Work by a Great Team

City of Wolverhampton College had the pleasure of welcoming the UK National Agency, Ecorys, to its premises on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2011. The Project Officer and a colleague conducted the monitoring visit for the whole day and had the opportunity to meet Mr Ian Millard, Principal of the college, as well as other senior management.



In addition to City of Wolverhampton College staff attending the monitoring visit, the Portuguese partner, ISQ, attended as the Project Management Co-ordinator.

The day was a great success and the project managers from the National Agency were very complimentary about the EL4VET project and its progress.



Well done project partners – ISQ, Balkanplan Ltd, Athena, Paragon Europe, Lodz University and CONSTANTi - keep up the good work!



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### DISSEMINATION OF THE EL4VET PROJECT IN POLAND

The dissemination strategy provides for many activities and one of the most important is an EL4VET workshop, led by Dr. Richard Majors and Rob Larkin from City of Wolverhampton College. The workshop date was 26th and 27th of September 2011. All 13 participants got the great sampling of what an emotional literacy is, what is the matter of implementation emotional literacy in teaching and learning practice, what are the possible positive outcomes of such practice and how the EL4VET tools can improve teachers' and trainers' emotional competences. The participants represented dozen of institutions in the vocational teaching, training and consultancy field, such as *University of Lodz, Lodz Center of Teacher Training and Vocational Education, Foundation for the Development of the Education System, The Vocational Development Centre in Warsaw*, and some private: *Ten Fingers, BNS*, which offer soft for IT staff and *Burbo, PCG Polska sp. z o.o.*, which offer consultancy and training. After the workshop they took part in a roundtable discussion to reflect about the importance, usefulness and dissemination of Emotional Literacy methodology and tools in their professional practice.

There were three presentations at international conferences on the EL4VET project:

- Conference on "Emotions in Everyday Life" - June 2011, Lodz, Poland
- Conference of Teacher Education Policy in Europe - TEPE 2011, Vienna, Austria
- Conference of European Educational Research Association – ECER 2011, Berlin, Germany

Apart from the presentations, the project leaflets were distributed among the participants of these conferences.

The Polish Project Management Team disseminated information about the EL4VET project within the participants of National Conference "Role of Education in Building Social Capital", which was held in the cycle "Teaching Forum in Lodz". The conference took place on 30th May 2011 in the University of Lodz and gathered about 50 researchers and academic teachers from the entire Poland and more than 150 students mostly from the Faculty of Educational Science, University of Lodz.

The EL4VET project was also introduced to the postdiploma students of "Educational Leadership", which is running on Faculty of Educational Science, University of Lodz, and co-funded by European Union within the framework: European Social Funds. The students are mostly principals, teachers and representatives of educational stakeholders.

A transfer workshop about Emotional Literacy in national language, will be held in 9th and 10th January 2012. At this event adapted EL4VET products will be presented and evaluated by participants.

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