

1st Press Release

1st Transnational Project Meeting of the Project EMSA: “Joined development, piloting and validation of entrepreneurial mindset and key skills curricula and training materials for third countries”

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The 1st Transnational Project Meeting (TPM) of the EMSA project “Joined development, piloting and validation of entrepreneurial mindset and key skills curricula and training materials for third countries” took place in Nicosia, Cyprus, between 13-14 of March 2023. This is the first TPM and the first face-to-face meeting of the partners. The project started in January 2023, and ever since, some initial yet essential work on the objectives and deliverables of the project has been conducted.

EMSA aims to support three VET providers from third countries not associated to the Programme (Egypt, Jordan, Palestine) in the development of programmes (including their validation) to be offered to their learners on Key competences (as stated by European Reference Framework 2018) and Entrepreneurial Mindset (as presented in ENTRECOMP framework). There are a number of activities and results towards achieving this goal whose implementation is on track and under discussion between the project partners.

In the meeting last March, participants from the project’s partners, i.e., M.M.C Management Center Ltd (Cyprus), DIMITRA Educational Organisation (Greece), Have a Dream (Egypt), JYIF (Jordan), Arab College of Applied Sciences (ACAS) (Palestine), and Cyprus Certification Company (Cyprus), clarified some issues, and set milestones and deadlines for the future.

On the first day of the TPM, a presentation of partners’ organizations (type, key expertise, main operations) and experience in relation to the project took place. Then, the project coordinator, M.M.C. Management Center Ltd, provided the consortium with an overview of the project, with a particular focus on the current and future goals. In what followed, two sessions, led by M.M.C. Management Center Ltd



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and DIMITRA respectively, dealt with *Work Package 2: Joint development ENTRECOMP and ERF curricula, materials and platform (The Development of ENTRECOMP Course and The Development of ERF Course)*. Another session ensued which revolved around *Work Package 3: Pilot Training of ENTRECOMP and ERF using synchronous electronic learning* and was led by DIMITRA.

On the second day of the TPM, *Work Package 4: Validation of non-formal learning through ISO17024* was presented by CCC followed by a session on *Dissemination and presentation of dissemination monitoring tool* led by Have a Dream and M.M.C. Management Center Ltd. The second day (and the 1st TPM in general) concluded with highlighting the *Next Steps* to be taken within the project by the project coordinator, M.M.C. Management Center Ltd.

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