

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Press Release**

### **Training of Master Trainers on EntreComp: “Reviewing the Developed Training Materials and Outlining the Next Stage” and 2<sup>nd</sup> Transnational Meeting of EMSA in Larissa, Greece**



EMSA is a capacity-building project supporting the relevance, accessibility, and responsiveness of VET institutions and systems in third countries and particularly in countries of the Middle East.

The project started at the beginning of 2023 and will be completed at the end of December 2025. During a year and half, the project’s consortium is being meeting frequently to deliver the project’s planned outcomes.

The kick-off meeting of the project, which was held at MMC Management Centre’s headquarters in Nicosia, Cyprus, on 13-14 March 2023, allowed the partners to review the project objectives and work plan, and to ensure clear understanding of the EntreComp and ERF competence frameworks on which EMSA builds. In Nicosia, the partners had also a workshop on outlining the learning outcomes for all the competences that would be included in the EMSA training material.

After that, the consortium continued to meet regularly, which has been proven a decisive factor in keeping the project on track: 6 online meetings to review the progress made, discuss the current results, and agree on what was coming next in the project took place by then.

**This process paved the way for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Partner Workshop and 2<sup>nd</sup> Transnational Meeting of EMSA in Larissa, Greece.**

The workshop and meeting took place from the 26<sup>th</sup> of February to the 1<sup>st</sup> of March 2024. All partners, MMC Management Centre (Cyprus), the Cyprus Certification Company (Cyprus), DIMITRA Educational Organisation (Greece), Have a Dream (Egypt), Jordan Youth Innovation Forum (Jordan), and the Arab College of Applied Sciences (ACAS) (Palestine), participated

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actively. A productive time was spent to review the training materials for all the 15 competences of EntreComp that had been created during the previous months.

It is a milestone to be noted that during the first 3 days all the partners presented their work and the progress made, which contained:

- Curricula for the EntreComp competences assigned to them (5 per partner).
- Presentations for the training content on those competences.
- Methodological tools supporting the training content.
- References of the training material and handouts for the training.

During the presentations, all the partners were actively involved in providing feedback by evaluating the training materials and making suggestions for upgrading them. After the discussions, each partner was aware of the areas of improvement for their materials. This resulted in having training materials for a synchronous course of 80 teaching hours in total, which is well-structured and is expected to be effective during the pilot testing phase.

On the 29<sup>th</sup> of February, the partners discussed the project plan and steps taken in order to review the project's progress. The project coordinator, MMC Management Centre, provided an overview of the decisions made in the Training of Master Trainers on EntreComp that preceded, incorporating all the feedback to clarify the vision for the upcoming stages. Respectively, DIMITRA Educational Organisation led the discussions on the pilot testing of EntreComp (and ERF) first through synchronous electronic learning to establish the upcoming steps and finalise the plan.



On the 1<sup>st</sup> of March, the Cyprus Certification Company presented the certification process for the training materials with the use of the ISO17024 standard, along with the necessary assessment tools for evaluating learners' comprehension of each competence. Subsequently, Have a Dream took over to present the prepared plan for the dissemination of the project activities and results through the social media and website of the project.

Both the Training of Master Trainers and the Transnational Meeting were highly productive and enabled the consortium to align its efforts towards the envisioned outcomes. By the 30<sup>th</sup> of March 2024, the consortium achieved a significant milestone by delivering the final training materials on EntreComp to the European Commission in 3 languages (English – Arabic – Greek).

Currently, the EMSA team is preparing the online, synchronous delivery of the course to learners in Cyprus, Greece, Egypt, Jordan, and Palestine. Each partner will provide sessions on all 15 competences of EntreComp in their native language, considering having some competences delivered in English by guest trainers from the other partner organisations for a more

comprehensive training experience. Afterwards, the conversion of the training materials to materials suitable for asynchronous learning will take place, in order to be uploaded on an e-learning platform that will make them accessible to learners worldwide.

The completion of the EntreComp training materials marks the beginning of the development of training materials on ERF (the European Reference Framework), the second competence framework that EMSA will use. The partners will then work on a plan for the delivery of that training course too to learners.

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