ICARO International Training in Hamburg

ICARO International Training took place from the 12 to the 16 of November at the Hamburger Volkshochschule (Hamburg). This training programme counted with the participation of five selected volunteers. The volunteers were adult educators or counsellor guides and were selected by the national partners in their home countries (Servicio Regional de Empleo y Formacion de Murcia; KEK Tехникес Sholes Epimelitiou Irakleiou; Socialiniu Inovaciju Fondas and Hamburger Volkshochschule).

The International Training aimed to train adult educators on soft-skills and receive feedback from ICARO training platform that will be used by them to orient unemployed adult learners on soft-skills. The five days-training were led by professionals of the Hamburger Volkshochschule in order to tackle the following issues: Existing good practices On line teaching environments and tools Explanation on different training modules to be delivered later with unemployed adult learners. Practical tests among peers on different potential situations that may appear during the training with adult learners. Workshop activities, debates, round table discussions, exercises and practical activities, case studies presentation and examples of good practice.

ICARO is a transnational cooperation project funded by the Erasmus+ programme of the European Commission that focuses on Soft Skills.

ICARO will work with long-term unemployed adult learners, low-skilled and people facing difficulties to access to labour market.

It will recognize the skills acquired by the learners after the practical application of the curriculum.

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FROM HOME TO WORK TRAININGS

1 Murcia, Spain

The pilot course “From Home to work” has been developed during 6 weeks by 2 groups simultaneously, in two sessions per week of 4 hours each by the Spanish partner “SEF Servicio Regional de Empleo y Formación.” This training is addressed to unemployed adult learners. to improve their employability thanks to Soft skills.

The face-to-face sessions were held in the employment offices of Murcia and Cartagena, where there are infrastructure and staff, both staff and material, for the proper development of the sessions. All the students had a computer, and, in each classroom, there was a screen for common work.

Each group of students consisted of 15 adult learners with different qualification profiles, but all of them were unemployed and have been tutored in groups of 5 by a tutor who has followed them throughout the course.

After the completion of the pilot course, an assessment questionnaire has been completed by the students and a valuation session has been conducted with the tutors and support staff. The experience will serve to finalize and finalize the handbook of the course and to outline some issues that were still in the preparation phase. The problems detected together with the results of the other partner countries will serve to make adjustments to the platform and the content of the course.

3 Heraklion, Greece

The training course “From Home to Work” arrives at Heraklion, Crete (Greece). The Greek partner of ICARO project, Technical Institute of Heraklion Chamber (TIHC), organised on 12 to 18 March the training courses including 40 hours of the face to face classroom instruction. The Technical Institute of Heraklion Chamber (TIHC) coordinated the Blending learning program “From home to work”. This training was addressed to unemployed adult learners taking part in ICARO project.

The face to face classroom instruction with 25 participants and 3 tutors, successfully took place at 12th to 18th of March 2019 from Technical Institute of Heraklion Chamber of Commerce and Industry. At the begging of the program, most of the participants have expressed their need to improve their personal and professional skills and competencies in order to be a better candidate for finding a job. This program was the answer to their needs.
Hamburg, Germany

The pilot course “From Home to work” started in Hamburg (Germany) on 13 March and it will last for 10-12 weeks. The training is coordinated by the German partner “Hamburger Volkshochshule”. This training is addressed to unemployed adult learners to improve their employability thanks to Soft skills.

There are 47 participants and they are all foreigners, coming from various countries including the EU area but as well as from Asia/Arabia. They all have German language comprehension on the level of B2, in fact, they are in the progress of finishing their B2-exams in German soon. They will have 24 hours of teaching as a face-to-face training of the whole group, and 14-16 additional hours in smaller groups to work on difficult tasks (due to the language). The group consists of 22 women and 25 men. They are between 20-50 years old.

The teacher, Martina Jürgensen, has already taken part in the International Course and therefore is very familiar with the subject. Hamburger Volkshochshule already decided to use the material at least in 2 different settings after the lifetime of the project: 1. In German classes on level B2 for Vocational Training and there we will use some material that most fits the course level and topics. In a different project starting in September, financed by the Job Agency, the Hamburger Volkshochshule will train unemployed persons seeking a job. There we will use entire modules or even themes from ICARO project.

Kaunas, Lithuania

The pilot course “From Home to work” started in Vilnius (Lithuania) on 4 March and it will finish by 17 May. The training is coordinated by the Lithuanian partner Social Innovation Fund (SIF). This training is addressed to unemployed adult learners to improve their employability thanks to Soft skills.

In the beginning, the adult learners were introduced to ICARO soft-skills training platform by Lithuanian coordinators of the project. Learners got individual access to ICARO online training platform and were asked to make a primary review of the features at home.

Following training sessions were organized in small groups taking into account the needs and possibilities of learners. Every learner contacted the teacher at least twice per month and attended face to face classes from three to six times. The final face to the face training session will take place at the “Social Innovation Fund” on 17th of May, 2019. Around 26 learners are expected to participate, present their overall work on the ICARO soft skills platform and discuss the learning materials.
Training curriculum on soft skills for unemployed adult learners

Training curriculum on soft skills for unemployed adult learners. Depending on the results of previous phases, a modular bespoke training curriculum on soft skills will be created. This is an innovative curriculum on soft skills addressed to concrete target groups of adult learners: long term unemployed adults, groups under social exclusion risk, low-skilled adults etc.

Enroll (EN, ES, GR, LT & FR)

Final Conference: From Home to Work, 12.06, Brussels

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