

Life Online Project Update & News



Welcome to the first Life Online Newsletter

The Life Online Project is a new project that is being developed to improve employability competencies through an online learning platform. This project will be based on the previous projects of LIFE 2 and EMPLOY.

This project aims to contribute to Europe 2020 Strategy, Rethinking Education and Youth Guarantee by helping to address the high rates of youth unemployment and skills gaps.

This is a three year project which will run until 31 August 2018. The final Online Learning platform with all the materials and resources required will be available in year three of the project.

The project kicked off in November 2015, with the first transnational meeting of the project. This was a very busy and full two day meeting programme, which was hosted by the project lead organisation, Bridgwater College, UK. Bridgwater College welcomed delegates from across Europe and this was the first 'Face to Face' introductions of all the partners involved.

We welcomed the following delegates:

Maria Jose Irastorza from CEBANC - Spain

Janko Struc from SSGT - Slovenia

Nemanja Rodic - Helsinki Business College - Finland

Anabel Menica - Politeknika Ikastegia Txorierrri - Spain

Sirpa Holmstrom - HAAGA-HELIA - Finland

Lottie Francis - Somerset Chamber of Commerce - UK

Peter Hodgson - EfVET - Netherlands

Bridgwater College was represented by:









Jon Harding who is the European Erasmus + Project Manager

Ben Houlihan

Julie Kirkham

Greg Court-Smith

Partner organisations

	Bridgwater College	Lead Organisation for the Life Online Project Bridgwater, Somerset United Kingdom
	Somerset Chamber of Commerce	Taunton, Somerset United Kingdom
	CEBANC	San Sebastian Spain
	Politeknika Ikastegia Txorierrri	Bizkaia Spain
	HAAGA-HELIA University of Applied Sciences	Helsinki Finland
	Helsinki Business College	Helsinki Finland
	EfVET—European Forum of Technical and Vocational Education and Training	The Netherlands
	Srednja Šola za gostinstvo in turizem - Maribor (SSGT)	Maribor Slovenia
	Zavod za turizem Maribor Pohorje	Maribor Slovenia

Over the two day meeting, the project group discussed at length various aspects of the new project including:

- An overview of the project and “Setting the Scene” for the next three years
- The project aims and objectives
- Why do we need this project?

- Who the project is for and the target groups
- Intellectual outputs and deadlines
- Project timeline
- Project dissemination

The first Intellectual Outputs of the project – I01 and I02 were discussed and an action plan was put in place to finalise these by the next transnational meeting in May 2016.

The main objectives of the project are:

1. Improve the effectiveness of work or study placements in another country by developing and testing an employability/entrepreneurship unit of online learning resources for use before, during and after a mobility.
2. To build on good practice from previous project outcomes which helped to improve employability competences: LIFE 2, EMPLOY, and ECVET4Practitioners.
3. To involve employers throughout the project to ensure materials developed are in line with employer needs and help to ensure that learners are work ready.
4. To follow ECVET principles so that learning outcomes are acknowledged and transferable across the EU.
5. To maximise impact by further use of the employability/entrepreneurship unit in mobilities organised by VET and Higher Education institutions.



The Life Online Project Group busy discussing the aims of the project.



The project meeting concluded with the five key competency areas being agreed upon and which partner will be responsible for each competency area.

The five key competency areas agreed are:

1. Entrepreneur
2. Communication
3. Team Work
4. Job Seeking
5. Learning to Learn

Following this meeting each partner will continue to work and plan activities within their competency areas. They will report back on these at the next meeting which will also be a C1 staff training event to be held in May 2016.

Entrepreneur	Nemanja Rodic Helsinki Business College Finland
Communication	Sirpa Holmstom HAAGA-HELIA OY AB University of Applied Sciences Finland
Team Work	Anabel Menica Politeknika Ikastegia Txoieri Spain
Job Seeking	Janko Struc / SSGT MB Srednja sola za gostinstvo in turizem Slovenia
Learning to Learn	Ben Houlihan Bridgwater College United Kingdom

Next steps

- Continued work on the project management and quality management processes.
- Set up of an online platform for the partners to share project information. This will also be the same Online Platform for the students to use in year three.

- Development of the official Life Online project website, which is currently in the last stage of development.
- Continued work on the project intellectual outputs and to identify activities in relation to these outputs.

There will be regular updates and news about the project via the project website, Facebook page and newsletters.

Next Transnational Meeting and Staff Event

Monday 2 - Friday 6 May 2016

San Sebastian – Spain

Hosted by CEBANC

Some comments noted from the meeting included:

“We managed to complete a lot work on Intellectual outputs I01 and I02 and felt that a lot of aims and objectives were covered with long term goals put in place.”

“The colleagues at Bridgwater College are great: thank you for your great hospitality and support. You made me feel most welcome and I am also grateful for the professional way you manage this project. It was also fantastic to have the opportunity to meet Bridgwater staff who is not directly working on the project but somehow involved.”

“I liked that the project team will become a great team on this new project and that we all enjoyed a successful 2 days for the kick off meeting.”

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