

APT - APPRENTICE PREPARATION TRAINING ERASMUS+ KA2 PROJECT

NEWSLETTER 4

Progress of the APT Project

Welcome to the fourth APT project newsletter!

The aim of this document is to keep you informed about the project. The APT project started 2 years ago and the partnership continues to work on the APT objectives for another 6 months.

What we have recently achieved:

- Organised 4th and 5th transnational meeting
- Completed the output, resources and support materials aimed at careers advisors, young people, employers and parents)

What we are planning in the near future:

- Organize final transnational meeting in Vigo
- Finish final the final Intellectual Output (APT eTool)
- Promote the project deliverables during the series of Multiplier Events in all participating countries

4th Transnational Project Meeting in Vilnius

The 4th partner meeting of the APT project was organised on the **1st and 2nd of March 2018 in Vilnius, Lithuania**. During the meeting, the partners presented the draft versions of the 4 resources being developed to support educators (Career Advisors and Trainers), young people, employers and parents. The resources aim to support young people to develop their personal and employability skills and to engage with all the parties involved in a young person's career development.



Photo 1 - Project partners during the fourth Transnational Project Meeting in Vilnius

The consortium had a constructive discussion about the design of the APT resources regarding the presentation as well as the themes, topics and activities to be included.

The second day of the meeting was spent on planning the pilot testing of the training materials as well as the next step of the project's development and on the dissemination of the products developed so far.

5th Transnational Project Meeting in Lancaster

During the 5th project meeting which was organised between **the 11th and 12th of July in Lancaster, UK**, the partners presented the final version of the booklets prepared to support educators; career advisors and trainers, employers and parents. The booklets will guide young people to develop their personal and employability skills. They will accompany the APT Assessment TOOLKIT which will provide more options for career guidance to all.



Photo 2 - Project partners visiting the college campus during the fifth project meeting in Lancaster

The second day of the meeting was spent on planning the pilot testing of the training material and assessments as well as the dissemination of the products developed so far. Partners discussed the final shape of the Intellectual Output 5 – “APT Assessment eToolkit for Educators” and planned their responsibilities for the upcoming months.

Intellectual Output 3 – final resources

On the APT website (www.aptproject.eu) the new, bespoke resources can be found. Partners have been working on them for the last months and now they are available to download.

The resources were based on the findings of the APT research. It gave us crucial information which issues need to be addressed. The partners witnessed different approaches to career guidance and training in all partner countries, yet the challenges to engage people from education remain the same. We've collected good practice examples of careers guidance and vocational assessment tools.

As the results of those activities, the partnership has created a toolkit of resources to assist the smooth transition for young people from education to employment. They are aimed at four groups:

- a) **Careers Advisors and Educators** – the A4 booklet aimed at VET educators, youth workers, career counsellors etc. who work with young people and assist them while entering the labour market.
- b) **Young People** – this is the information and guidance tool presented in the form of booklet. Young people are given practical advice on how to prepare to leaving school and finding meaningful employment. The tips are adapted to different stages of education.
- c) **Employers** – these are the support materials for employers who may employ young people. They consist of tips to manage expectation towards young generations, how to get the best of young employees and how to recruit them successfully.
- d) **Parents** – the last resource is a guide for parents of young people to be the best possible support for young generation. It includes advice on how to look for employment, how to encourage young people and voice possible concerns while giving their support.

The resources are available for free on the APT website, section OUTPUTS.

Intellectual Output 5 – work in progress

The Intellectual Output 5 is currently in the last stage of development. The resources will take form of digital assessment/self-assessment tools to guide young people onto viable career paths. These will be testing tools based on local/regional/national workforce needs.

The resources will soon be available for free on the APT website, section OUTPUTS.

What's next? Take part in the APT project Multiplier Events!

The series of national Multiplier Events will be organized in all the partner countries, starting from October 2018. We invite you to keep track of your local APT partner and you will be informed about the upcoming event.

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