ReCall Newsletter

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Retail Sector Competencies for All Teachers

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1 ReCall

In the course of the project 'ReCall' a digital information and training tool for teachers at vocational schools in the retail sector is being developed. The Teacher-Training-Tool (TTT) trains teachers in the use of teacher-training-arrangements in personal and social competencies.

Using descriptive and targeted training materials for the practical application of the teaching-learning arrangements, teachers acquire the content through self-study with learning supportive accompaniment.

The TTT and the integrated teaching-learning materials promoting self and social competencies are available as 'Open Educational Resource' (OER) on the internet. The OER ensures the sustainable use and spread of the training and the corresponding educational materials in the Europe-wide teacher training.

Project - INFO

Project title

Retail Sector Competencies for all Teachers

Project number

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Project duration

11/2015 – 10/2017

Coordinator

University of Cologne, chair of economics and business education

Website

www.recall.uni-koeln.de/en

Central goal of Erasmus+:

„The improvement of the skills and competencies of the educational staff"

2 Current project status

Till the end of June 2017, the TTT had been tested by teachers in Germany, Italy and Poland. The teachers tested the four TTT training areas (team competency, time management, dealing with criticism and self-evaluation of strength and weaknesses) in their own local language and finally evaluated the entire online training tool.

In each country at least 15 teachers have participated voluntarily and interested in the test. The results are currently being evaluated by all university project partners. At the next transnational project meeting in September 2017 the evaluation results will be finally discussed in the plenum. After that the results will be available in the respective partner country language.

Further, the national multipliers events in Bergamo, Cologne and Krakow are being organised. Under the title "How can we teach sustainable social competencies at vocational schools in the retail sector? Presentation of a digital training tool for teachers", the results of ReCall will be presented to participants of the multiplier event. Since those teachers who have passed the TTT as test persons, the exchange and the dialogue between actors and target groups will be encouraged. In this way, a constant and sustainable implementation of digital training and integrated teaching materials in the vocational education and training system is achieved.

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3 First evaluation results

As part of the evaluation phase, the TTT was tested in practice by teachers in the respective partner countries. Afterwards, an evaluation of the teachers was realised with regard to the practicability of the training instrument. In addition, an analysis of the motivation, comprehensibility, accessibility, professional correctness, etc. regarding the TTT was realised by the teachers. A four-stage Likert scale was used as a scaling method for the measurement of the personal attitude. The scale contains different response options, a very negative setting ("strongly disagree") up to a very positive setting ("strongly agree"). A neutral position, the average position of an odd number of categories of a Likert scale, was intentionally omitted. It is known that many test persons use this position for convenience, to quickly finish the survey. Before evaluating the questioning, the collected data were first coded and incomplete or incorrect questionnaires were sorted out.

In the long term, the TTT can also be used in other areas of vocational education training or in different vocational fields because teachers are here demanded in the same way to teach self and social competencies.

In this newsletter we would like to present you the first results of the evaluation in Germany.

In general, the TTT was rated as good by the teachers in Germany. Detailed results and interpretations will be published at the end of the project on the TTT website.

4 Next steps

In addition to the next project meeting of the project partners in Cologne in September 2017, a multiplier event will take place in each country. The project results as well as the TTT are presented and discussed in detail within the event.

We would like to cordially invite you to our multiplier event on 22 September 2017 at 10:30 am in Cologne. *Please note: the language of the event is German.*

You can register for the event until 31 August 2017 by writing an email to: christian.hofmeister@uni-koeln.de.

For more detailed information, please refer to the project homepage of "ReCall": www.recall.uni-koeln.de/en.

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