

SOS-MOBILITIES – BULLETIN no 5
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This is the fifth and final bulletin of the Leonardo da Vinci SOS-mobilities project (2013-1-FI1-LEO05-12543) that is funded by the Lifelong Learning Programme . The project begun its activities on the 1st of October 2013 and the final outcomes are now available on the SOS-Mobilities webpage; <http://sos-mobilities.com/>. The project period ends on the 31.12.2015.

Between the 4th and 5th meeting an amendment request asking for 3 more months to finalize the outcomes of the project had been sent to the Finnish NA. The amendment request was approved and gave us the time we needed to do the needed changes and amendments to the materials. As the project period was prolonged the final meeting moved from September 2015 to October 2015. This made it possible to have the meeting in Pafos, Cyprus in conjunction with the EFVET conference and reach a larger audience than if the meeting had been held in Turku, Finland as scheduled. The topic of the final meeting was the implementation of the project and the impact the project has had.



All the partners have implemented the outcomes of the project in their day to day activities at their organisations. All partners are now fully involved in the process of including students with fewer opportunities in international mobilities. We are proud to say that we have created and transferred:

- Checklists for hosting students during international mobilities
- Checklists for sending students on international mobilities

- A framework for including students with fewer opportunities in international mobilities
- A guidance booklet called Supporting VET Staff to include Students with Fewer Opportunities in International Mobilities.



We have not only created and transferred the materials, we have begun using the materials and thus made it possible for a larger number of teachers to get involved in the process of including students with fewer opportunities on international mobilities.

We are proud and fortunate to say that we have been given the opportunity to work together in a project that has made it easier for students with fewer opportunities to take part in international mobilities. During the piloting phase students from the project partners have been given the opportunity to go on international mobilities. The feedback from both the students participating in the mobilities and the staff involved in the sending and hosting these students have been very positive and encouraging. We anticipate, based on the results from the piloting, that there will be an increase of the number of students with fewer opportunities that will take part in international mobilities.

After the meeting the project partners chose to stay and take part in the Efvet conference in Paphos, Cyprus. The conference provided us with the perfect opportunity to disseminate the project and build up new and reliable contacts to whom we can send students with fewer opportunities to. During the conference we held 2 round table sessions where we introduced the outcomes of the project to interested parties. To our pleasure both roundtable sessions were full of participants. Many of the



participants stated an interest in learning more about the topic and cooperating in the future.

During the project we have disseminated the project in many different events (e.g. Efvet conferences, Namss Conferences, project meetings, network meetings). We are extremely proud and grateful for all the positive feedback we have received during the dissemination events. It has been very rewarding to work in a project that has raised awareness about the benefits and possibilities that including students with fewer opportunities will bring not only to the students participating but also to the VET providers giving these students these opportunities.

This was the final meeting and the project is coming to an end. Now it's time to concentrate on writing the final report and starting to use the materials developed. Who knows maybe this project will lead to new projects in the future focusing on the theme of providing equal opportunities to all students regardless of their background.

We the project partners invite you to visit our project web page <http://sos-mobilities.com/>, to use the materials produced in this project and to contact any of us partners if you have any questions or comments relating to the project.



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