

PRESS RELEASE

Participation of Emphasys Centre at the International Educational Fair of Cyprus 2017

“Education and Career”

Presentation and Dissemination of the V-UPGRATeS project:

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ERASMUS+ KA2 – VET SECTOR

The “Emphasys Centre” has participated in the **International Educational Fair of Cyprus 2017 “Education and Career”**, organized by the Ministry of Education and Culture of Cyprus and the Chamber of Commerce (KEBE), between the 17th and 19th of February in Nicosia.

The International Education Fair of Cyprus is one of the biggest events organized in the field of education and training, as most of the participants are well-established organisations, higher education institutions and public-authorities. The Fair is regarded as the gate where the representatives of the higher educational institutions meet and attract Cypriot and international students living in Cyprus and wish to study either locally or abroad. The Fair also hosts every year public services and semi-state bodies to inform the public and especially young people regarding potential career and employment opportunities. Furthermore, the Fair offers the opportunity to providers of services addressed to students and young people such as educational and career services to approach students and young people.

The “Emphasys Center” as an approved by the Cyprus Ministry of Education and Culture, Educational and ICT Training Centre participated in the Fair with its own booth aiming:

- To present the educational programmes and career services provided to young people, students, and professionals (GCE A' Level Computing, ECDL, National ICT Exams, custom-made and in-service training etc.).
- To present the involvement of the Research Department in the preparation, coordination and implementation of European Research Programmes mainly under the Erasmus+ Programme in all sectors: Education, VET, Higher Education, Sports and Youth.

During the International Fair the project ‘V-UPGRATeS’ was presented individually on a specific time and has attracted the attention of interested people. The Emphasys team disseminated the project using all the relevant material that were designed for the needs of the fair, such as leaflets, posters, banners, presentations, petition lists etc. It is important to note that a Petition in relation to the promotion of the main aims of the ‘V-UPGRATeS’ project was initiated which will be an ongoing activity until the end of the project which can be implemented by other partners as well. A great number of signatures were collected as part of the Petition which is shown below.

Several important stakeholders, key people and official bodies, as well as parents, teenagers, teachers, youth workers and many others visited Emphasys’ booth and were informed about the ‘V-UPGRATeS’ project’s aims, objectives, products and expected outcomes. Among the visitors were the Permanent secretary of Ministry of Education and Culture, Members of Parliament, Representatives of the Ministry of Education and Culture, Representatives of the Human Resource Development Authority of Cyprus, Members of the Cyprus Computer Society, ECDL Examiners, Career Counselors and others.



It has to be noted that VET Trainers and Secondary School Teachers were greatly impressed by the project's idea and initiative and those who showed interested, were also invited to participate in several activities planned for the next months. A number of VET trainers tried out the Assessment Tool and followed the procedure for the Skills Audit.

Overall the International Fair presented a great opportunity for the dissemination of the 'V-UPGRATeS' project to a large number of interested people (estimated to be more than 10,000).

Dissemination material:

Rationale
It is widely acknowledged that education across all sectors has been impressively VET Trainers and Teachers have long undergone as they deal with increasing complexity and change brought by industry and more competitive demands for all levels of a constantly changing and developing world with the involvement of new technologies and a constantly changing labour market with highly technical demands for skills.

Target Groups
The **direct target group** is VET Trainers and Teachers who will engage their digital competences to meet the needs of the labour market and the **indirect target group** are students who will benefit from digital literacy across and within the labour market.

Expected Impact
A structured course for the digital needs of VET Trainers and Teachers is under development.
A digital competence framework is being developed for VET Trainers and Teachers needs to meet the needs of the labour market.
An online VET skills audit for the self and professional development of VET Trainers and Teachers digital competences.
An innovative and dynamic online tool which will help VET Trainers and Teachers to assess their digital skills.
A new VET digital audit for implementation and evaluation.

Aims
The "V-UPGRATeS" aims to introduce a comprehensive, dynamic, innovative, and measurable tool which will provide useful and practical skills to be delivered to VET Trainers and Teachers to help them upgrade their digital skills to meet the needs of the current market.

Leaflet
Περιλήψη Προγράμματος
Κρίσιμη ανάγκη του Ευρωπαϊκού Περιφερειακού Συστήματος είναι η Επαγγελματική Συνεχιζόμενη Παιδεία των Επαγγελματιών της Μέσης Τεχνικής και Επαγγελματικής Εκπαίδευσης και των Επαγγελματιών Μέσης Εκπαίδευσης. Αλλά και οι παρόμοιοι ενδιαφέροντες οι βέλτιστοι οι τομείς της επαγγελματικής εκπαίδευσης και της συνεχιζόμενης επαγγελματικής εκπαίδευσης. Παράλληλα, η παρούσα εργασία είναι πολύτιμη για την επανεξέταση της σημασίας της επαγγελματικής εκπαίδευσης στην αντιμετώπιση της απασχόλησης στην εποχή μας, καθώς επίσης επισημαίνει και άλλους σημαντικούς κοινωνικοοικονομικούς παράγοντες οι οποίοι επηρεάζουν τον τομέα της επαγγελματικής εκπαίδευσης.

Leaflet

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Poster

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Banner

Erasmus+ Emphasys CENTRE
PETITION
Erasmus+ KA2 Strategic Partnerships in VET
V-UPGRATeS: Validating and Upgrading VET Trainers and Teachers Digital Skills
(2015-1-DE02-KA202-002412)

V-UPGRATeS
By signing this petition you support:
1. The efforts of the consortium to promote the Digital Agenda of Europe.
2. The need of VET Trainers and Teachers for Continuous Professional Development especially in the digital field.
3. The need of VET Trainers and Teachers to upgrade their digital skills in order to increase their professional capacity thus achieving a systemic impact on the quality of teaching.
4. The provision of on-line opportunities for VET Trainers and Teachers to upgrade in order to meet the needs of the Labour market and support student's career guidance.
5. The efforts to bridge the digital gap between education and the labour market.

Petition



Photo Gallery:



Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Education and Culture



Member of Parliament



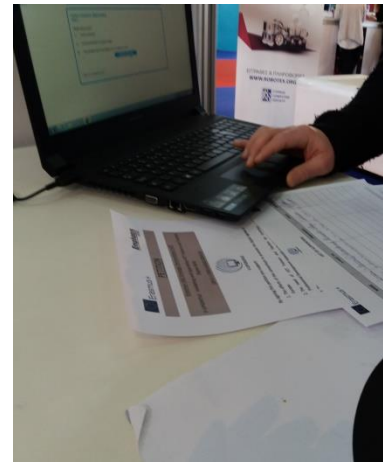
Representative of the Human Resource Development Authority



ECDL Examiner



Career Counselor of the Ministry of Education and Culture





For more information you can visit the official website of 'V-UPGRATeS' project www.vupgrates.eu, the project's Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/V-UPGRATeS-802854619858511> or Emphasys' website www.emphasyscenter.com/v-upgrates.