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PRESS RELEASE

Participation of Emphasys Centre at the International Educational Fair of Cyprus 2018 “Education and Career” – Presentation and Dissemination of the V-UPGRATeS Project Validating and Upgrading VET Trainers and teachers ICT Skills (Erasmus+ KA2 in VET Sector 2015-1-DE02-KA202-002412)

The “Emphasys Centre” has participated in the **International Educational Fair of Cyprus 2018 “Education and Career”**, organized by the Ministry of Education and Culture of Cyprus and the Cyprus Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KEBE), between the 23rd and 25th 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).

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.

The platform webpage can be found at: <http://upgrates.vupgrates.eu>

Dissemination material:

Rationale
It is widely acknowledged that educators across all sectors but most especially VET Trainers and Teachers face major challenges as they deal with increasingly complex and diverse learning situations and more complex demands that are seen as a constantly changing work environment with the introduction of new technology and a constantly changing labour market with high technical demands for skills.

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

Expected Impact
• Increased skills for the digital needs of VET Trainers and Teachers in partner countries.
• A digital Competence Assessment Instrument (CAI) which Trainers and Teachers could use to assess their digital skills and needs.
• A validated CAI tool for the self and professional assessment of VET Trainers and Teachers' digital competences.
• An innovative and dynamic online tool which will integrate and personalise the comprehensive support required for upgrading Trainers' Digital Skills.
• Increased digital profiles and skills development.
• An enhanced career based on skills and greater data for Trainers' career Digital Development Plan.
• Increased digital competences for teachers to help their digital skills.
• A Blue Print Strategy Toolkit for professionalisation and adaptation.

The more I learn, the more I learn that I need to learn more.

Poster
The poster features the V-UPGRATeS logo, the title 'Validating and Upgrading VET Trainers and Teachers Digital Skills', and the Greek subtitle 'Αξιολόγηση και αναβάθμιση των ψηφιακών δεξιοτήτων των Εκπαιδευτικών Μέσης Τεχνικής και Μέσης Γενικής Εκπαίδευσης'. It includes the Erasmus+ logo and the slogan 'Education is learning what you didn't even know you didn't know.' along with the website www.vupgrates.eu.

Leaflet

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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)

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.

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Petition



Photo Gallery:



Head of Business Department and
Director of Research Department of the
American College



Representative of the Youth Board of
Cyprus



Representatives of the Human Resource
Development Authority of Cyprus and
European University of Cyprus

