

### *Towards the finish line on a bumpy road*

As you most likely know the PADAWAN project consists of six partners from Spain, Italy, Bulgaria and Germany. As the whole of Europe currently faces lock-down procedures, situations in partner countries are heavily shaped by the Corona circumstances.

During this time, we are very happy to have such a well-functioning partnership in which we all live the Idea of a united Europe, collaborating to achieve common goals.

Working in these times is not easy. Very important transnational meetings cannot take place as planned. Nevertheless, as we are developing mostly digital-based outputs all of our organizations are proficient in using multimedia tools in order to advance effectively. Our fourth transnational project meeting is postponed. Instead, we conducted an online-video-team meeting at the end of April to share progress and to agree on the next steps towards completing PADAWAN.

Inform yourself in this third Ezine about the current status of our outputs.

Thanks for reading! Stay healthy, strong and positive!



# Output 1 – European Apprenticeship School PADAWAN

## *Exchanging valuable information about ongoing apprenticeships*

At the core of our project lies the online platform called EASP – European Apprenticeship School PADAWAN. This platform will assist all actors involved in dual training of apprentices. VET teachers and company tutors will be able to use the platform in order to exchange information about the ongoing training.

From December 2019 to January 2020 we have conducted a survey in order to find out what kind of communication needs exist between VET teaching personnel and company tutors. Results from more than 100 participants show that there is a strong desire to exchange information in general, and most important this should be done on a regular basis – at least once every month. The survey also gives insights into what kind of communication channels are most useful. Of course, email communication and telephone calls play fundamental roles. Besides that, personal meetings or visits in the company are also highly useful. This does create the precondition of exactly knowing who is the responsible person in the company and in the school. Our online-platform can help guiding and structuring this communication process. In terms of what kind of information could be exchanged, the picture is pretty clear. The answers show that there is a high demand for exchange about the progress and achievements of the apprentice. Furthermore, data protection needs to be considered – we will deal with this accordingly.

From 17<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> February 2020, just shortly before the corona crisis started restricting travel, we conducted our so-called Learning Activity. This allowed us to invite experts from partner countries to Zaragoza in order to test and use the platform. With a group of 18 participants from the field of dual training, we collected feedback which we will now incorporate. The Regional Government of Aragon supports the project and Mrs. Carmen Urbano, General Director of Innovation and Agro-food Promotion of the Government of Aragon, was present at the meeting, as well as representatives of the kitchen innovation platform, Gastro Sites, formed by managers of bars and restaurants.

The platform is improving month by month – so please stay tuned!



## Output 2 – Soft Skills for apprentices

### *Output completed and published*

PADAWAN is not only for teachers and tutors, but also for apprentices to develop their transversal competences. We have now completed the development of our online-course focusing on six soft skills:

1. Efficiency and Management of Time
2. Creativity and Problem Solving
3. Interpersonal Communication and Empathy
4. Leadership and Teamwork
5. Stress Management
6. Digital competences



Every module gives apprentices the opportunity to extensively develop these kind of skills with short theoretical inputs combined with practical examples of the hospitality area.

All contents are now ready in English, Spanish, Italian, Bulgarian and German and accessible on the PADAWAN platform. Please have a look: [link](#)

## Output 3 – Handbook for company tutors

### *Corrections and translations to be done*

In our “Handbook for company tutors” we are developing contents to enhance the quality of dual training in the hospitality sector. We are about to finalize the core version in English language, which will be accessible as a PDF-File on our platform within the next months – translations into Spanish, Italian, Bulgarian and German with localized contents will be available by September.

# Get involved and contact us

You are working for a hospitality business or training centre, or are you running one? We invite you to join the PADAWAN community network and register to the PADAWAN platform:

<http://padawan-project.eu/community/>

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