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Teknik ve Meslek Lisesi
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PROJECT'S OBJECTIVES

The project Education and Career Guidance – Let's help the students choose a right career!" aims to improve the education and career orientation services for preuniversity students in order to facilitate the transition to upper levels of education or work market.

The target group consists of teachers, headmasters, parents, students and local community officials.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES:

O1. Identifying the importance of relevance and quality in counselling and orientation services quality conducted in the educational environment as well as all the needs of the involved factors (students, teachers, headmasters, counselors, officials of the local community) from both partner regions.

O2. Developing teacher's competences for Dolj students' education and career orientation in-Romania and Mersin Turkey

O3. Reducing distances between schools and the work market and identifying opportunities that these offer for students' career development and preparing them for future career transitions

O4. Increasing students' access to information which they need for a good career orientation

Anticipated Results

- ✓ A Methodology to deal with the study research for counselling and orientation services in students' career which are done in schools using specific tools: students' questionnaires ,4 guides for specific interviewing
- ✓ A sociological study based on the questionnaire, for target groups: teachers/school counselors, parents, local community representatives(public authorities,private section, civil societies), representatives of different educational institutions(secondary schools, high schools, universities)
- ✓ A research report on the counselling and career orientation services done in the educational system, uploaded on the project's site and forwarded in schools(3 languages used: English, Romanian Turkish)
- ✓ A job shadowing methodology
- ✓ 5 job shadowing days in the school of the partner region
- ✓ An activity report for the job shadowing period
- ✓ A guide for students' education and career orientation(3 languages used: English, Romanian Turkish)
- ✓ A blended learning training programme (3 languages used: English, Romanian Turkish)
- ✓ A training virtual space on the project's site (3 languages used: English, Romanian Turkish)
- ✓ An impact study on the training program
- ✓ A blended learning training program
- ✓ 25 teachers trained in Dolj and Mersin
- ✓ A website-a resource for teachers and students (3 languages used: English, Romanian Turkish)
- ✓ A forum for discussions with sections for teachers and students
- ✓ A facebook page for the project
- ✓ A launching conference/each region, a middle conference to disseminate the results/each region, and a final conference/ each region
- ✓ The guide for student's education and career orientation ((3 languages used: English, Romanian Turkish)
- ✓ 200 education and career orientation guides for students in dolj and mersin
- ✓ 3000 flyers distributed among students and teachers in Dolj and Mersin
- ✓ 4 newsletters published on the project's site and on other national and international educational sites

Project's activities

- A.1. The project's management
- A.2. Monitoring, assessment and report
- A.3. The research study
- A.4. Job Shadowing activity
- A.5. The Guide for students' education and career orientation and the materials needed
- A.6. The pedagogical plan of the blended learning training program
- A.7. The training program
- A.8. Promoting the project and disseminating the results.



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Activities done February 2014 - August 2014

A.3. How the the research study was done

A research report on the students' counselling and orientation services was done for a better appreciation of the actual stage regarding the importance and relevance of students' education and career counselling quality in an educational environment as well as the needs of all the direct and indirect factors involved in this project activity (students, teachers, headmasters, counselors, local community representatives) from the two partner regions-Dolj county, Romania and Mersin region, Turkey (February- March 2014).

With this study we aimed at the students and parents' needs and perception on the counselling and orientation activity as well as the needs of involved counselling teachers. We also aimed at revealing the perception and needs of headmasters, school representatives, local community representatives involved in the students' orientation and counselling activity.



The research for the study was done in Dolj County, Romania and Mersin, Turkey. All the direct and indirect groups involved were taken into consideration in the activity which is the basis of our research-Students' counselling and career orientation. The results of this study are the basis of the blended learning program for Dolj teachers.

The research report was published on the project site:

http://www.studentscareer.ro/uploads/research_report.pdf

A.4. The Job Shadowing Activity

To develop teacher's competences for students' education and career orientation in Dolj-Romania and Mersin-Turkey, in March and April 2014, two teams of teachers went to the partner countries to have and watch Job Shadowing activities from the two regions involved in the project.

The activities focused on the comparison of the educational system in the two partner regions, exchange of ideas, examples of activities, innovative methods during classes of students' career counselling, in each curricular area, also analysing the school curriculum to identify the opportunities offered by each subject in students' career orientation.



During the job shadowing period, the team members of Romania and Turkey analysed school programs and curriculums from the two school systems and identified the opportunities offered by each subject/curricular area to educate students in choosing their career.

Each teacher- member of the project team- made up two activities whose purpose were students' career orientation:

-A lesson plan for the subject they taught showing some of the horizontal competences in the project.

-A project chart (using the given model of the project)/a program for an optional course.

The job shadowing activity in Mersin Turkey took place between 17-23 March 2014.

During school and extracurricular activities- A visit at the "Yahya Akel" Science

Highschool, the Employment Agency in Mersin, the Bureau of Education in Bozyazi -Romanian teachers made contact with performant IT-based teaching systems, in which the interactive board, tablets, electronic textbooks and on-line ones brought a great flexibility in teaching and stimulating students to get involved in the educational process and become partners of teachers in the class.



Job Shadowing activities at "Traian" Secondary School, and "Traian Vuia" High School Craiova.

The Romanian teachers showed interactive lessons in classes or outside them (the religious education lesson which took place at Mantuleasa church, interactive English lessons, practical activities at the primary level and secondary level, a research visit at the Employment Agency in Dolj etc. Taking part in such activities gave the students the opportunity to learn more about the activities, duties and responsibilities at the working place.



The conclusions of the Job Shadowing activity of the project, in the two partner countries were the basis of "The guide for students' education and career counselling"

When the Job Shadowing activity ended the two partner countries reported back and "A common report of the Job Shadowing activity in the two countries: Romania and Turkey" was done.

A.5. The Guide for students' education and career orientation and the materials needed

In between March- July 2014 the Students Orientation and counselling guide was developed and it contains :

- *The presentaion of “Education and career guidance – Let’s help the students choose a right career!”*
- *The service of counselling and orientation guide for students’ career*
- *The description of the teaching program in each partner countries*
- *The analysis of the school curriculum from the counselling and orientation perspective of students’ career.*
- *Extracurricular projects regarding the students education and orientation career.*

The guide compares the education systems from the partner regions, including ideas and experiences exchanges, examples of good practices for students’ career guidance.

This guide aims to be a real support for teachers The activities of counseling and career guidance to students so that:

- Career guidance and counseling will become the responsibility of each teacher;
- Teachers will spend more time advising students on career
- Teachers facilitate students' transition to higher levels of education or the labor market: self-knowledge, information right choice according to their abilities, skills, their interests with community needs, labor market needs;
- Counselling is a framework for professional, all other activities of career counseling as possible in the classroom, during school hours, with the support of all teachers.

Research study and guide the project implementation will be based design blended learning training program for teachers to develop the skills of teachers in the two regions for career guidance and counseling.



A.8 Promoting the project and disseminating its results

On the 5th of June 2014 there was a conference- "The Regional Conference to promote the project and to disseminate the results in the two partner regions", which is in the Scientific, Methodological and Cultural Activities Calendar of the Teacher Training Center, the calendar is approved by the National Ministry of Education. Representatives of Dolj School Inspectorate and representatives of the project partners took part in it. There were 90 teachers, counselors and headmasters of the upper secondary schools.



In the conference the intermediary results of the project were presented:

- Research study showing the importance, relevance and the quality of the counselling and career orientation services offered to students in the educational system
- The report on the quality of the job shadowing activity in the two partners

-The structure of the guide for students' education and career orientation.

In the second part of the conference participants showed examples of activities for students counselling and career orientation.

The questionnaires results showed an increase in the participants' interest for the students' career counselling activity.

In the same period, the promotion of project's activities continued on facebook, www.facebook.com/studentscareer, and in other educational activities.



In the following period there will be activities such as:

- The pedagogical structure for the blended learning training program.
- The training program.
- Promoting and disseminating the project's results.

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