

Case Study SLOVAKIA



Future Skills Workshop

Context: Slovakia is in the group of countries where skills anticipation practices are progressively spreading out, with some structures emerging (see WP2 Synthesis report). In total 10 workshop participants represented all 3 groups of stakeholders – employers-SMEs (5), VET schools (2), policy-makers (3). The workshop coincided with the new Act on VET introducing dual education in Slovakia coming to force. Workshop was organised by RDA Senec-Pezinok and Slovak Chamber of Crafts.

Process – how we did it in Slovakia

Pre-workshop questionnaires introducing the topic were distributed with the invitation, and answers were collected in advance. Workshop took place in the premises close to partner organisation (SZK). Slovak participants went through all 3 stages of the workshop, guided by facilitator from the partner organisation (RDA). The 1st phase was executed in plenary, 2nd individually and in plenary, and 3rd in small groups and plenary.

„Open and task oriented process“

Conclusions, observations and recommendations

- 2 partners active in VET and LLL working together managed to gather relevant participants from all stakeholders groups
- participants showed will to collaborate on a change
- on the other hand, the participants were sceptical about the requirements they formulated to be translated to actions, realisation phase finished with formulation of requirements
- participants felt that the responsibility can only be assured by law amendments and their effective enforcement
- participants showed hope that the new dual system will solve some of the issues
- request to have the outcomes of the workshop and EU.EM.NET project to show as arguments to policy makers

„It would be useful to execute the workshop on the level of “highest” relevant representatives of the responsible institutions“

„Is needed to continue“