

Introduction

VINA (Validating Informal and Non-formal Acquired Skills) is strategic partnership between 5 organisations from 5 EU member states, viz:

[EURO](#), an Italian Research Centre, Promotion and EU Initiative, along with partner organisations from the Czech Republic ([Evropská rozvojová agentura s.r.o.](#)), Greece ([E-Compass](#)) and Poland ([Fundacja Instytut Rownowagi Społeczno Ekonomicznej](#)) and the U.K. ([European Learning Network Ltd](#)).

The project is aimed at educators, assessors, lecturers and other main users who need to update competences and skills of adults in the informal and non-formal sector to match the needs of the 21st century. The project consortium will develop:

- a database of Instruments for Validating Informal and Non- Formal Learning;
- a Recognition Opportunities Tendency Analyser (R.O.T.A.)

By involving external partners, adult colleges, assessors, lecturers, public sector institutions, trainers, teachers and the wider community, the 5 partners will, through in-depth research, create a database and an easy-to-use online validation tool. Both will be available as an Open Resource.

For more information please visit us at – www.vinaproject.eu – or contact us via the coordinator at - info@associazioneeuro.org or via one of our partner organisations mentioned above.

Our kick-off meeting in Palermo



At the recent kick-off meeting in Italy, the 5 partners discussed the VINA project in details, including actions on budget, dissemination, Database Instrument and the ROTA validation analyser. Upon signing the partnership agreement there was a unanimous decision on the way forward and the timelines to be achieved. The coordinating team, EURO shared with the partners the new platform for internal communication within the partnership and also the logo and website for the project. Partners also agreed upon the Cross European Data research and each partner was assigned a specific task. The social media and website have already been set up and more information about the project can be found on www.vinaproject.eu or like and follow us on <https://www.facebook.com/VINA-265692833872048/>



About the partners

ITALY

EURO – Research Centre, Promotion and EU Initiative – was founded in 1996 with the aim of promoting and implementing local youth development projects in the Region of Sicily. EURO is in possession of the CERTIFICATION OF QUALITY UNI EN ISO 9001:2008 (certificate no. 3248/00/S) for the planning of vocational training and guidance services, for the organization of cultural events and communication services, issued by R.I.N.A. More on www.associazioneeuro.org

Czech Republic

Since 2008, European Development Agency (EUDA) heads an EU-wide network of institutions and experts in education, innovation and regional development. EUDA develops training and has successfully implemented projects such as the organization of PLM mobilities within the Lifelong Learning Programme, DENS Project (within the PROGRESS Programme), Key Roma and I am Roma Projects, Current Trends in Social Innovation Project and Active Ageing Project and others. More on www.eracr.cz

Greece

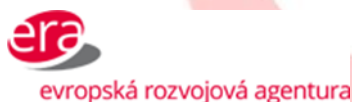
Electronic Compass is an education and IT services company that focuses in continuing education of adult learners and its mission is to share advancement in the Education field in multiple ways. The existing network of the company includes institutions, organizations and professionals in the fields of ICT, education and social sciences. The company offers a number of solutions, such as interactive and accessible to people with disability web site development, e-commerce development and so forth. More on www.e-compass.gr

Poland

The mission of the Foundation Institute for Social-Economic Balance is to create favourable conditions for development informal education and dissemination of lifelong learning concept. IRSE provides activities on the field of lifelong learning, equal opportunities, intercultural education and Ecology and Eco-education. More on www.irse.pl

U.K.

ELN (European Learning Network Ltd) is a London-based organisation that has grown into a consortia of UK and EU education providers focusing on youth and adult education. ELN's vision and mission is to "develop enterprise culture through creativity and innovation" and have successfully delivered a number of European Union initiatives from Career Education in VET, vocational and enterprise skills to social Inclusion programmes. More on www.elnpartner.co.uk



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