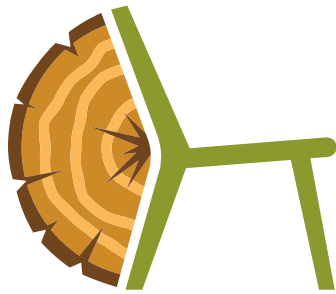


# TABLE



Tackling Environmental sustainability through Blended Learning opportunities for ivEt in the furniture and wood sector (TABLE)

Project number:  
2020-1-FR01-KA202-079899

## OVERVIEW OF THE PROJECT AND MAIN GOAL:

To give teachers new knowledge about environmental sustainability and reduction of the consumption of natural resources to increase the engagement of student into VET programmes related to furniture.

## WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE TABLE PROJECT?

1. Improve environmental sustainability through education in the furniture and wood sector fo IVET schools
2. Ensure a quality culture in VET programs
3. Enhance acces to training and qualification for all

## FOR THIS:

- 1 Learning, Training and Teaching Activity
- 2 Intellectual Outputs
- 6 Multiplier Events



# Project Newsletter

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## TABLE WINTER TRAINING CAMP

Between January 11-13, 2022, project partners have developed a training activity in the form of an online short-term joint staff training event of 3 days.

### GOALS OF ACTIVITY:

- Train the participants about the project topics as they will act as Ambassador of the project once they go back to their country;
- Pilot internally the project results and draw the first pedagogical guidelines about how to properly teach the educational material;
- Peer learning and cross learning as, indeed, the partners have learnt from each other according to the experience of their organization;
- Create a European force team in the field of sustainability of the furniture and wood sector.

Due to the COVID-19 situation, the training activity was organised in a hybrid format. The activity was hosted by the University of Transylvania in collaboration with the research centre "Innovative Technologies and Advances products in Wood industry" and the training centre of the university. During the training an on-site visit has been organized to the "Transylvania Furniture Cluster" in order to better connect the partner organizations with the situation of the SMEs in the furniture and wood sector in Romania.

During the training, peer to peer learning activities and workshop were developed about the educational tips that has been developed during the 1st Intellectual Output of the TABLE project (IO1). At the end of the tree days, feedback was asked to the attendee and suggestions for improvements.

## RESULTS OF THE ACTIVITY:

✓ A trained group of experts that will be Ambassadors of the project once back into their countries;

✓ A full programme for the promotion of sustainability in the field of furniture and wood;

✓ A reinforced sense of belonging to Europe.



## Testimonials for TABLE WINTER TRAINING CAMP

*"It was an interesting training, which included both technical information and information on soft skills related to sustainability in general, but also with a specific look at the furniture and wood processing industry. The presentations were professional, up-to-date and with practical applicability, and can be useful for anyone interested in the field, even for specialists and teachers."* **(Madalina Chirtes, North-East Regional Development Agency)**

*"As an outsider to the project, I learnt a lot about the project topic and I was impressed about how the partners managed to condense a range of complex concepts into tailored modules. I appreciated the "learning snack approach" and I believe teachers and students will benefit from the training course. Well done TABLE!"* **(Beatrice Del Nero, EU Project Manager Eurocrea Merchant)**

*"It has been an enriching experience, since the topics dealt with in the presentations have been quite interesting, they allow you to get a general idea if you are not an expert in that fields and it allows you to discover curiosities. The presentations have been entertaining and you can see the effort and the dedicated work. The course in general is quite useful and will allow student to learn many disciplines, so congratulations for the work that all of you have done."* **(Pilar Muñoz Muñoz, Technician of the Materials Department of CETEM, the Technological Centre of Furniture and Wood of the Region of Murcia - Spain).**

*"The information provided by the presented modules were carefully structured and documented in accordance with the project issues, which will be helpful for students and i-VET teachers."* **(Professor, PhD. Lidia GURAU, Transilvania University of Brasov, Faculty of Furniture Design and Wood Industry)**

*"The training is tremendously rich, and the 6 modules present in an educational and interactive way many practical and theoretical information essential to current trainings on sustainability, climate change, materials, recycling and the proper use of forest resources. Presenters have even talked about art in recycling and in construction. Really great. Without a doubt, VET teachers or, even beyond, teachers of initial trainings will be able to find a treasure of information. The many complementary resources will be very useful for students. A big congratulations!"*

**Ms. Laurence HALPHEN – Sustainable Development Education Advisor – Alpes-Maritimes Academy & Professor Lycée du Parc Impérial, Nice)**

## Next Step - Intellectual Output 2

**Guidelines for the proper implementation of the Education for Sustainable Development into Vocational education and training (VET) course in the field of furniture and wood.**

TABLE project wants to support I-VET teachers and professional training providers with the proper pedagogical guidelines to implement and deliver the online learning environment and learning material with an innovative and participative approach. Within the guidelines also best practices will be collected in order to support teachers to implement sustainability into their courses (based on the market's needs). In order to develop the guidelines, the Target Groups (TGs) will be invited to test the project results during the WORLD ENVIRONMENTAL WEEK) around the 5th of June 2022). After the piloting, the I-VET and the students will provide their feedback regarding the best and more successful non-formal activities to communicate and train TGs in a way adapted to their age and level of knowledge, increasing in this way the quality of the teaching and learning during the classes back to school.

TABLE aims to support INNOVATIVE ACTIVITIES designed to identify and develop EFFECTIVE APPROACHES to involve Target Groups (TG) and to deliver long lasting educational experience.

### INNOVATION:

- the first element of innovation is the methodology to improve the understanding about Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) in I-VET school. Currently teachers are often left free by their organization to organize random workshops about sustainability. This IO will provide GUIDELINES to implement the right activities with students and suggestion on how to integrate ESD into daily courses;
- the pedagogical methodology will increase the quality in the VET provision. Indeed, thanks to the pilot testing, VET teachers will have the chance to co-guide other teachers to implement ESD into their courses (according to the market's needs, namely SMEs needs);
- delivery methodology of the project results will be tailored to the needs of the Target Groups and it will guarantee free access to all;
- tips regarding how to communicate with the Target Groups regarding the project topics and guidelines to better deliver the project results.



# EXPECTED

# I M P A C T

- ✓ *improving the understanding and the implementation of education for sustainable development in the wood and furniture sector;*
- ✓ *increasing the capacity of the I-VET organizations of initiating reforms that meet, on one side, students unemployment (objective is to make students professional profile more attractive) and, on the other side, to increase the capacity of VET centers in the field of sustainability;*
- ✓ *initiate a holistic approach aimed at the continues transformation of the educational institutions;*
- ✓ *involve the I-VET centers into the commitment of developing innovative solutions to lower the greenhouses gas emissions and reduce the carbon and ecological footprint of the furniture and wood sector;*
- ✓ *higher level of engagement with the Target Groups;*
- ✓ *increased knowledge and skills for the Target Groups to deal with training course delivery in formal contexts of education;*
- ✓ *better integration of the TABLE learning programme into other VET organizations.*

# TRANSFERABILITY AND USABILITY:

- ✓ The usability and transferability of the guidelines can be also used in other VET schools and formal context as they will deliver suggestions and guidelines regarding how to implement Sustainable practices to wood and furniture sector to I-VET teachers, and, also, how to do it with the support of the learning training environment.
- ✓ Furthermore, the results will be delivered with Open License, so that the educational resources will be free and different educational organization may actually used them to integrate sustainability into their daily courses.

The only requirement will be to quote and to refer the TABLE project within the ERASMUS programme. Indeed, the best practices and the guidelines, will support teachers to implement this new model.



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