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THE EUROPEAN ERASMUS+ PROJECT - TABLE

Tackling Environmental sustainability through Blended Learning opportunities for iVET in the furniture and wood sector (TABLE) (<https://tableproject.eu/>), is an European ERASMUS+ project with six partners (ENERGIES 2050, Eurocrea Merchant, AMUEBLA, Transilvania University of Braşov, NERDA and Wood Technology and Forestry School Complex in Garbatka-Letnisko) from five countries (France, Italy, Spain, Romania and Poland). This project started in November 2020 and will be ended on 30th of October 2022.

The objectives of the TABLE project are as follows:

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

The TABLE project wants to offer an innovative training system based on micro-learning opportunities to i-VET teachers in the furniture and wood sector, which means that they will receive new knowledge about environmental sustainability and the reduction of the consumption of natural resources. All those activities will aim to increase the involvement of students in VET programmes related to furniture.

On June 16, 2022, the Faculty of Furniture Design and Wood Engineering, within Transilvania University of Braşov, as a partner of the TABLE project, organized under the auspices of World Environment Day, an Multiplier Event, which was attended by students and teachers from profile high schools in the wood sector, representatives of the romanian companies in the field of wood furniture sector, teaching staff from the Faculty of Furniture Design and Wood Engineering and representatives of the: Romanian Furniture Manufacturers Association APMR, PRO WOOD Regional Wood Cluster and National Center for the Development of Professional and Technical Education (CNDIPT) in Romania.



The event's purpose was to present to the participants the contents of the learning courses, as well as the e-learning platform. This e-learning platform is dedicated to teachers and students from iVET schools (with a particular glance on the furniture sector), local authorities and decision-makers interested in exploiting the results of the project by training civil servants and staff working in the definition of economic and social policies, local sustainability learning centres, and as well as for other categories of users in the furniture and wood sector.

The curriculum of these courses is focused on the following modules:

- 1 - From sustainable development to sustainable consumption and production patterns;
- 2 - Climate change, biodiversity and renewable energies – The wood industry at the forefront of challenges;
- 3 - Sustainable design in the furniture and wood sector;
- 4 - Waste management in the furniture and wood sector;
- 5 - Impact and use minimisation of resources in the furniture and wood sector;
- 6 - Green skills, communication strategy and market development in/for the furniture and wood sector.

The content of each module has the following structure:

- an introductory video;
- a glossary for each unit;
- the coursebook of each unit;
- a few case studies;
- additional resources to deepen your knowledge;
- final assessment of the course.

With these teaching materials, the I-VET teachers will have the chance to learn anytime, anywhere, and according to their learning methodology. Furthermore, the online learning environment will leave the chance for teachers to interchange their knowledge and upload scenario-based material to implement in class with their students.

The e-learning platform contains the courses in two variants: the complete versions are developed in English language and the short versions are developed in English, French, Spanish, Italian, Romanian and Polish languages. Also, to navigate more easily on the e-learning platform of the TABLE project, this was translated into the languages which are mentioned above.

When the users access the e-learning platform for the first time, they need to create an account before log in. In order to understand the content of the platform, users can find on the "Home" page, a guidelines manual which can be downloaded. In addition, each module has a short video that explains the content of it. At the end of all training modules, a compulsory assessment is prepared. This contains ten multiple-choice questions to check if students have acquired the necessary knowledge about the studied module. The certificate for the completion of the whole course (i.e. six modules) can be obtained only if the participants pass all six evaluations with at least the passing threshold of 80%.

For more information the e-learning platform is available here: <https://table.learning-platform.eu>

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