AGENDA

ETF NETWORK FOR EXCELLENCE - SISI: SHARING INNOVATION IN SOCIAL INCLUSION

Online (ZOOM) - FIRST THEMATIC MEETING

TECHNOLOGIES FOR SOCIAL INCLUSION IN EDUCATION AND WORK
4 MAY 2023, 11.00 – 12:50 CEST

SUMMARY

The European Training Foundation (ETF)'s Network for Excellence - ENE - was launched in 2020 and is supporting CoVEs (Centers of Vocational Excellence) and VET providers towards excellence in relevant and quality skills delivery through strategic development partnerships. The global ENE network has more than 270 members from more than 40 different countries – and it is still growing. The purpose of ENE is to promote excellence and innovation in VET to support employment and education systems in a lifelong learning perspective. ENE is inspired by the Commission-led initiative in EU countries that establishes CoVEs, which represent networks of partners forming skills eco-systems to promote high-quality VET provision. CoVEs vary in relation to the purpose, structure and functions.

Within ENE, **the Sharing Innovation in Social Inclusion - Skills for Inclusion VET initiative (SISI)** conducts peer activities and reviews and provides structured peer learning and practice sharing. It is implemented in collaboration with the ENAIP NET. This first thematic meeting will share some of the developments and will present some of the results of peer learning and reviews conducted within this partnership as well as selected practice examples. **It provides reflections and policy recommendations on how VET institutions, policymakers, employer organizations and other relevant stakeholders work together to support the skills for inclusion agenda**. It will capture what we have learned as SISI members in the period 2021-2022, and we are looking forward to 2023.

Technology is increasingly being used as a tool to promote social inclusion and addresses societal challenges, especially in the areas of education and work. There are several ways in which technologies can be leveraged to promote equity and enhance well-being, including fostering global citizenship, improving access to opportunities, and supporting marginalized individuals in the labor market. In our first meeting we will explore the potential of technologies such as Metaverse, Virtual Reality and other digital tools to create more immersive, interactive, and accessible systems, with experts sharing innovative approaches and applications to support individuals and communities.

The Amal educational network (est. 1928, About Amal - רשת בתי ספר עמל (amalnet.k12.il)) is a leading player in the Israeli education system, with 120 educational institutions across the country, including high schools, junior high schools and colleges, with a total enrollment of over 40,000 students. A driving force in entrepreneurship, innovation, and excellence, Amal is at the forefront scientific and technological innovation. Amal provides an educational-academic framework with an emphasis on technology, the sciences and the arts for all strata of the population from high-achieving young people of Israel's elite to young people who are at risk. The network is motivated by a vision of innovation and entrepreneurship, and the network is constantly developing and experimenting with new tools, pedagogies and practices. All in line with the Israel Ministry of Education innovative and experimental policy frameworks.

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THURSDAY, 04th MAY 2023 | 11:00 – 12:30 CEST

Time	Activity	Speaker
10:45 – 11:00	Waiting room and check-ins On-line interaction rules	**ENAIP NET**
11:00 – 11:10	Welcome to the participants	**ETF** **Georgios Zisimos,** Head of Policy Advice and EU Programming Unit **Lida Kita**, Senior Human Capital Development Expert - Social Inclusion - Country Liaison for Israel, Serbia and Türkiye
11:10 – 11:15	Presentation of the agenda	**ENAIP NET** (Italy) **Marco Angeli,** International Project Manager
11:15 – 11:45	How do we teach global citizenship and solve social challenges using Metaverse?	**AMAL CENTRE** (Israel) **Lev Berman** - Head of entrepreneurial and innovation center, Peres HighTech and Art High School, Amal Group **Pavel Davidov** - Developer, Peace Maker Metaverse Platform **Anat Ben Yehuda** - History and citizenship teacher, Peres HighTech and Art High School, Amal Group **Bella Tlovsk** - Educational designer, Act Now Global Citizenship program **Gregory Gubin** - English teacher, Peres HighTech, and Art High School, Amal Group
11:45 – 12:05	How can Virtual Reality become a tool for inclusion?	**CENTRO SAN VIATOR** (Spain) **Ainhoa de la Cruz**, Head of Social Innovation Department **Alfredo Garmendia,** Head of International Affairs
12:05 – 12:25	How do we strengthen the position of people who are on the sidelines of Labor Market with Technology?	**VDAB** (Belgium) **Marc Cloostermans**, Program Manager
12:25 – 12:45	Questions and answers	**ENAIP NET** (Italy) **Marco Angeli**, International Project Manager
12:45 – 12:50	Closing remarks and greetings	**ETF** **José Manuel Galvin Arribas**, Senior Human Capital Development Expert – Content coordinator of Vocational Excellence Project **Lida Kita**, Senior Human Capital Development Expert - Social Inclusion - Country Liaison for Israel, Serbia and Türkiye