



The Taste of Life Partnership



VET Nordwin College (NL) – Lead partner

Nordwin College is based in the Province of Friesland and offers education for VMBO-groen (pre-vocational education in the green sector) with a focus on sustainability and nature, MBO (vocational education) and adult education.

Our VMBO-groen offers pre-vocational Education (VMBO) for post-primary school students in the cities of Buitenpost, Heerenveen, Leeuwarden and Sneek.

Our MBO (secondary vocational education) offers 21 different MBO courses at 4 different levels within the BOL (regular education, combined with an internship) and BBL (regular education, combined with a relevant job of at least 20 hours a week) This type of education is situated in Buitenpost, Heerenveen, Leeuwarden and Sneek.

Our adult education department is the partner for companies in the areas of further education, special projects, organisation of events and advisory. For the North of The Netherlands, this department offers activities, both for the professional and the hobbyist; inside and outside the green sector.

Web: www.Nordwincollege.nl



RGB Consultancy (NL)

“Be yourself because everybody else has already been taken ...” - Oscar Wilde

RGB connects people, connects organisations in order to work on sustainable results.

With a focus on the human factor, on individual talent development working together in teams in organisations who try to prevent alienation.

In a systematic process oriented approach where individual growth and company profits are combined in a project way of working.

Where systems meet the human factor and where it becomes clear that the human factor is stronger than systems.

Certainly in complex projects but moreover in change and innovation.

- Project manager of international projects on Cradle to Cradle with the Ellen MacArthur Foundation Isle of Wight and EPEA Hamburg
- Life long learning with professor Bill Law
- Benchmarking corporate companies with prof. Richard Dealtry
- Vice president marketing IPMA
- Member of the research board IPMA
- Board member ECLO
- Lecturing Krakow university on network marketing and thinking styles for project managers
- Training Warsaw for Amber Group strategic networking
- Training Warsaw on the Art of Being there for company and university people
- Lecturing Odense meeting on learning
- Training on complex project management Dutch company



- Lecturing twice in Teheran congress for project managers on complex project and thinking styles
- Consultant Prevention Routiere Internationale (PRI) on change and implementation

Web: www.duurzaambo.nl



University of Oradea (RO)

The University of Oradea is a state accredited institution which aims to promote knowledge, research and training through sustainable partnerships between teachers, students and community.

The mission of the University of Oradea is to train and educate on a large scale both the students and also the high education graduates, as well as to approach certain domains of science and technology at high level.

The structure of the University contains academic education, postgraduate education and scientific research.

In the last 22 years, the University answered the changes occurred within the national- educational policy, demographic changes, requirements of the market economy, local and regional needs and new technologies.

All these changes have led to new expectations from students, academic and administrative staff. University of Oradea offers to our students the necessary training to contribute to society development. This training is conducted in 15 faculties which offer a wide range of initial training and postgraduate courses. Within the University of Oradea, the education and research activity is developing in the area of natural and physical sciences, as well as in the area of social and human sciences, covering the following: Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Sciences of Life, Agricultural Sciences, Medical Sciences, Technological Sciences, Economical Sciences, Geography, History, Juridical Sciences and Law, Linguistics, Pedagogy, Political Sciences, Psychology, Letters and Arts, Sociology, Philosophy. The educational process is based on the curricula for long term studies, short term studies, postgraduate's studies, master, doctoral studies and programs of continuous education and Distance Open Education.

The Faculty of Environmental Protection was founded in 1993, as part of the University of Oradea. It owns very well endowed labs where both students and teaching staff (103 members of own teaching staff) can develop their specialized works and research activities during the years of study. The faculty owns 18 classrooms and 35 specialized laboratories. The Faculty of Environmental Protection has a number of 3000 students, 2700 of them attending the long-term studies and 300 are included in postgraduate education.

At the beginning, the faculty had a few specializations, such as: Agriculture, Horticulture, Ecology, Forestry, Forest Exploitations and Wood Processing. Other new specializations appeared after 2000: Animal Science, Food Products Engineering, Technology of Processing the Agricultural Products and Engineering and Management of Public Alimentation and Agro-Tourism.

The wide range of the specializations within the Faculty of Environmental Protection, University of Oradea includes today a number of ten alternatives for the present and future students. All the specializations are authorized or accredited by the Ministry of Education and Research, and can provide capable specialists able to meet the demands of food, forestry and agricultural sustainable development in the western part of Romania.

Web: www.uoradea.ro



VET Mihai Viteazul (RO)

“Mihai Viteazul” Technical College established as a rising educational institution in 1968 as a technological school connected with “Infratirea” factory in order to prepare qualified workers.

The new founded institution had a great development in the following years in terms of equipment, number of students and profiles.

Starting with the year 1976 the school was named High-school of Mechanics No. 2, housing its first high-school classes and in 1978 the first class of “Infratirea” Industrial High-school graduated.

Over the years, the educational institution hasn't changed its address, Poienitei street, no 25, Oradea.

After 1989 the school is restructured in order to adapt to new requirements on the job market.

The range of profiles increased : economical , computer science (day, evening and post graduate classes) and new profiles for the vocational school : server, cook, hairstylists, auto mechanics, etc.

Starting with the year 1993 the highschool got its current name “Mihai Viteazul” and became in 2002 a technical college.

Currently we have 77 classes, from which 32 are highschool and the rest vocational.

Web: www.mviteazul.ro



EUROPEA (EU)

EUROPEA is a non-profit, international association working for the development of vocational education and training (VET) in the green sector of Europe. This sector covers a wide field of professions within agriculture, horticulture, forestry etc. At present, EUROPEA organizes 24 national EUROPEA networks, which represent more than 1.000 vocational schools and institutions all over Europe.

EUROPEA stages the following activities on a regular basis:

- 2 bi-annual meetings for the membership. The programme may include knowledge sharing and exchange on acute and vital developments in the green sector: professional topics, didactical and pedagogical issues, technological developments, societal aspects of food production, information on policy developments (CAP, EQF, ECVET etc.) Often, interesting and challenging excursions are included in the programme, too.
- Professional competitions for green VET students in disciplines such as Forestry, Wine growing and tasting, Agriculture, Landscaping, Agro-Mechanics and Floristry etc.

Established in 1992, EUROPEA's activities are based upon a set of legally approved statutes. EUROPEA is registered as an Association Internationale sans But Lucratif (a.i.s.b.l.) in Belgium.



In the Taste of Life project, EUROPEA is represented by two of its member schools: Nordwin College (cf. above) and YA! - Vocational College of Ostrobothnia (FI)

Web: www.europea.org / www.yrkesakademin.fi



Sweriner Bildungswerkstatt SBW (DE)

The Schweriner Bildungswerkstatt e.V. (SBW) was founded in 1990. The stated aim is to offer a vocational education to young people with a special need of help and support or fewer opportunities to reach a qualified job, which is officially recognized. Qualified and pedagogical backing is essential condition for vocational and social integration. We are working in the field of Youth Work and Care (Kinder- und Jugendhilfe) as a registered organisation, support young people. SBW runs projects in youth work in the City of Schwerin and the region of Westmecklenbourg. Furthermore, SBW provides a service to develop educational arrangements for individuals, special target groups and regional companies. The main business fields and projects of the SBW are:

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1. Career guidance for young underprivileged people:
 - providing mentoring for the transition to the labour market
 - vocational guidance
2. Initial vocational training and education for disadvantaged young people with activities in:
 - pre-vocational training
 - integrative vocational education and training
 - cooperative vocational education and training
 - combined trainings in the system of dual VET
3. Measures for integration or reintegration into the labour market of the long-term unemployed:
 - activation measures to support employability
 - an advisory and placement service for employees and unemployed
4. advanced training and education for employees/adult education
5. Projects in the framework of improving VET in Germany in cooperation with the Federal Institute of Vocational Education
6. International projects in the framework of Lifelong learning program, European social funds, international youth work

Web: www.schweriner-bildungswerkstatt.de



Andreas Hermes Akademie (DE)

The AHA is the central national institution for advanced adult education in the agri- and food business sector in Germany. Target groups are for example entrepreneurs, officials, volunteers, advisors, coaches, managers, trainers, multipliers ...

The human being is, what the AHA is working for and working with. As experts for personal development and change processes the Andreas Hermes Academy provides personal, social and methodological competences.

About 40 highly qualified trainers of the AHA offer a wide and varied range of competencies for training, consulting and coaching.

Stakeholders of the AHA are the 13 most important national level agricultural organizations.

Web: www.andreas-hermes-akademie.de



IAEI – Institute of Agricultural Economics and Information (CZ)

IAEI is the expert centre for the agricultural economy, food, agricultural advice and information. In 2012, the Institute celebrated 100 years since the founding. IAEI also manages the Library of Antonin Svehla, which is the third largest specialist library in the world. IAEI is an expert institute in economics, food and agriculture, and to the extent the economy and sociology in the sectors of agriculture and food.

Advisory Service and Education is responsible for methodology, accreditation and monitoring activities in the advisory system (Farm Advisory Service) within the Ministry of Agriculture. The department collaborates in the creation of strategic and policy guidance of the departmental material.

The Department of Advisory Service and Education provides direct support for activities in consultancy and training. This ensures the coordination and production of targeted publications, print and digital materials and studies. IAEI is the publisher of the magazine Agricultural School "Zemědělská Pôdohospodárska škola".

Web: www.uzei.cz