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Welcome to the third Issue of Euro4VET Newsletter!

The last semestre of 2025 was really busy for the project and its partnership. Between the foreseen activities of Euro4VET, and presentations of the project to potential beneficiaries of its results, all partners were highly engaged in taking Euro4VET to the next level - especially now that the project's Training Courses on the European Union, aimed at Vocational Education and Training (VET) teachers and students, are ready to be implemented across Europe (available [here](#))!

This Issue gives you an overview of some of the most relevant activities the Euro4VET partners carried out between October and December 2025, involving Vocational Education and Training (VET) teachers and students, and other key stakeholders, including:

- Euro4VET Virtual EU Skills Competition;
- Partners' celebration of ErasmusDays 2025 initiative;
- Euro4VET at EfVET International Annual Conference 2025;
- Presentation of the project to the Finnish Erasmus+ National Agency;
- Visit from EACEA to INSIGNARE (Portugal).

For more detailed information about these and other Euro4VET activities, make sure that you access to Euro4VET website, and to its [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#) pages.

Happy reading!



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"Test your knowledge about the EU and go to Brussels!":

Euro4VET Virtual EU Skills Competition

(September - November)

One of the most important activities of Euro4VET was its Virtual EU Skills Competition, a moment to test the knowledge that the students from INSIGNARE (PT), KPEDU (FI), Escola Pia de Mataró (ES), SABA (MK) and Ramazan Canigür Vocational & Technical Anatolian High School (TR) developed with the project's Training Course.



Designed by Euro4VET Portuguese partner Polytechnic University of Leiria, the Virtual EU Skills Competition started in late September and had two separate phases. During the first phase (aimed to narrow down the number of teams competing in each school to two), VET students, guided by their teachers (also involved in the project) undertook online quizzes focused on the Course topics. On the second phase, each team that passed the previous one had two weeks to produce a short video focused on the future of Europe, based on specific criteria set by Polytechnic University of Leiria, and that the students had to comply with to be able to win the Competition.

Curious to know more about Euro4VET Virtual EU Skills Competition? Then access [here](#) to read all about it on the article written by Polytechnic University of Leiria!

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ErasmusDays 2025

Celebrating the opportunities proposed by Erasmus+ Programme (October)

ErasmusDays is a one week celebration aimed to gather, across the world, students, teachers, trainers, professionals and citizens in general to participate in a wide range of events that highlight all of the opportunities that Erasmus+ Programme brings to them (seminars aimed to share best practices, photo exhibitions about mobility experiences, conferences to promote intercultural opportunities, social media challenges that encourage engagement and creativity, etc.).

This year, ErasmusDays initiative was held between October 13th and 18th, and Euro4VET could not be left out!

INSIGNARE (Euro4VET Coordinator) was invited by ENAC National Association, an Italian Vocational Education and Training (VET) provider, to join other international school leaders from other countries and participate in its "Live Broadcast ENAC Canossa Erasmus". During this event, INSIGNARE had the opportunity to share its extensive experience in internationalisation, and to presented Euro4VET by highlighting its results and their benefits to the teachers and students that were actively involved in the project's activities.



Transformative Learning Experiences

Professional Development Courses

Two comprehensive courses designed specifically for VET contexts: one upskilling teachers and another engaging students directly with EU benefits and their practical impacts on young people.

EU Skills Competition

An exciting national and international virtual competition where teams of teachers and students collaborate, testing their knowledge whilst building enthusiasm for EU citizenship and cross-border cooperation.

Brussels Field Visit

Competition winners experience EU institutions first-hand, meeting policymakers and seeing European democracy in action - an unforgettable educational opportunity.



SABA (Euro4VET North Macedonian partner) also joined ErasmusDays celebration by gathering its students on an array of activities that allowed them to explore more about who Erasmus was, and to reflect on the importance of Erasmus+ Programme.

Read more about SABA's activity [here!](#)



"EURO4VET - a Jean Monnet VET Network to teach EU Skills"

Euro4VET at EfVET International Annual Conference 2025

(October)

Every year, Euro4VET partner EfVET carries out its international Annual Conference, bringing together hundreds of VET providers, teachers, students, international experts and decision makers to delve into the most relevant issues related to VET, to its attractiveness and excellence.



This year, EfVET Annual Conference took place in Fátima, Portugal (home base of INSIGNARE), between October 22nd and 25th. With the title "Well-Being in a Digitalised World: Crafting the Future of VET 2035", this Conference had 450 participants, who attended several plenary sessions, workshops and roundtables. One of those roundtables was dedicated to Euro4VET!

Titled "EURO4VET - a Jean Monnet VET Network to teach EU Skills", this roundtable was moderated by INSIGNARE, and aimed to present to the participants the project's consortium, its main objectives, target audience and results. The following picture illustrates the very beginning of the roundtable:



During 45 minutes, all participants learned that Euro4VET was based on a common and cross-cutting need among partner schools: the lack of a specific curriculum for teaching topics about the European Union, and the lack of training for Vocational Education and Training teachers.

At the end of the roundtable, participants got to know the set of practical activities carried out in the project (including pilot events and the Virtual EU Skills Competition), and the series of educational products developed and translated into the project's national languages (EN, ES, FI, MK, PT and TR), which are available for free download on Euro4VET website ([here](#)).

EURO4VET & the Finnish Internationalisation Days 2025

KPEDU Presentation

(November)

KPEDU harnessed its participation at Finland's Internationalisation Days event, promoted by the Finnish Erasmus+ National Agency, to present Euro4VET to more than 100 professionals. The session served both as an introduction to the Jean Monnet initiative — still relatively rare in Finland — and as a deeper dive into the aims, activities and impact of Euro4VET. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with participants praising both the work carried out and the delivery approach of the project!



EACEA in Portugal for Euro4VET

A visit from the European Education and Culture Executive Agency

(November)

Euro4VET is a Jean Monnet initiative promoted by Erasmus+ Programme, managed by the European Education and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA).

Because Euro4VET is being regarded with particular interest by the Jean Monnet team at EACEA (it was the first consortium of vocational schools to be approved in this category) and due to its success, Ms. Marta Brignone, an Official from the EACEA, visited INSIGNARE and the Polytechnic University of Leiria on her trip to Portugal, on November 5th.

As the person responsible within EACEA for monitoring Euro4VET, Ms. Brignone visited both partners to understand, in person, how the project is being implemented.

This visit had a busy schedule. In the morning, Ms. Brignone interacted with the Portuguese students participating in Euro4VET activities, debating the results already obtained in the project. A meeting with INSIGNARE / Ourém Vocational School (part of INSIGNARE) Technical-Pedagogical Directors also took place, followed by a visit to its facilities and an overview of its teaching methodology.



After lunch, Ms. Brignone met with the team of Polytechnic University of Leiria involved in Euro4VET, an opportunity to discuss the creation and implementation of the Virtual EU Skills Competition, which was taking place at the time with participation of students from the five partner VET schools from Finland, North Macedonia, Portugal, Spain and Turkey.



Considering that the winners of Euro4VET Virtual EU Skills Competition from each partner school will be visiting Brussels in February 2026, Ms. Brignone invited the delegation to visit EACEA then!

What has Euro4VET prepared for you so far?



Training Course on the European Union (EU), aimed for VET Teachers

This 30 hours Course covers topics such as the history of the EU, the key EU institutions and their competences, the different dimensions of the European Citizenship (Civil and Political Rights), and Values that shape the EU (dignity, democracy, freedom, the rule of law, equality and respect for human rights).

[Read More](#)
[Here](#)

Training Course on the European Union (EU), aimed for VET Students

A blended (online and face to face) training course of 25 hours rooted on active methodologies and multimedia tools that allow students to understand how the EU affects every day life, to develop critical thinking skills, and explore how they can become active EU citizens.



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Europe Day Kit

On 2024 and 2025, students from VET schools part of Euro4VET partnership celebrated the Europe Day (May 9th) with an array of initiatives aimed to explore the EU, its policies and values, together with their schools' community.

Part of those activities was the production of dedicated posters and videos, available to all of those interested in using them, in all Euro4VET national languages (EN, ES, FI, MK and TR).

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“3 Minutes of Europe”

Euro4VET podcast is produced by Euro4VET Partners as a platform for VET teachers and students to address relevant issues related to the European Union history and current matters.

All episodes are available in the national languages of the project - English, Finnish, Macedonian, Portuguese, Spanish and Turkish.

These are the titles of the most recent episodes, aired between October and December 2025:

- “Democracy in the EU”;
- “EU Parliament bans meat names for plant-based products”;
- “Across the Continents: The weirdest traditions in Europe”.



These and all “3 Minutes of Europe” episodes are available [here!](#)

Partners' monthly articles focused on an array of dimensions related to the European Union.

Between October and December 2025, partners published the following articles:

- “ErasmusDays 2025”;
- “Sofia Corradi: The mother of the Erasmus+ Programme”;
- “Euro4VET Virtual EU Skills Competition”;
- “Report on Jean Monnet Cluster meeting for school teachers 2025”.



These and other articles are available [here](#).

Comming up on Euro4VET!

The next period of Euro4VET will be full of initiatives and excitement, especially to the teachers and students involved in all activities carried out so far in the project.

Here are the next steps of Euro4VET project:

- Study Visit to key EU Institutions (February 2026);
- Partners' online meeting (February 2026)
- "Day of Europe" celebrations (May, 2026)
- Euro4VET Final Partners' Meeting (Eskişehir, TR - June 2026)
- Euro4VET Final Conference (Antalya, TR - October 2026)
- Partners' new articles on Euro4VET website (ongoing)
- New episodes of "3 Minutes of Europe" podcasts (ongoing)

Don't miss the special issue of Euro4VET E-Newsletter dedicated to the study visit to EU Institutions (March 2026)!

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