

VENHANS – VET European networking Enhancement

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FOLLOW-UP THEMATIC GROUP ZOOM MEETING: “THE DIGITAL TRANSITION”

Launched in 2018, the VENHANS project was born from the cooperation of 6 networks representing VET providers in Europe. In fact, the main goal of the project is strengthening the cooperation in VET at the European level. The establishment of a thematic group including experts on the topic at stake is foreseen by the project’s action plan “networking”. The closing of VENHANS will foresee the development of a set of policy recommendations and, more specifically, also in-depth policy positions. One of the four Commission’s and Erasmus+ Programme priorities is *a Europe fit for the digital age*: more specifically, this priority strives for empowering people with a new generation of technologies, considering transversal elements such as government, skills, business and infrastructures, while putting people at the centre and paying attention to freedom of choice, safety and security, solidarity and inclusion, participation and sustainability.

In relation to the Commission’s priorities and in the framework of the VENHANS project, the topic of this thematic group will be **digital transition**. As explained above, the digital aspect encompasses different areas, and given the broadness of the topic, our focus will be **accelerating e-learning effectiveness**.

Here are some initial inputs provided during the preliminary session:

- The European Digital Action Plan can be one of the starting points of our discussions.
- *Do we think e-learning can be ineffective due to limitations internal to the system? Shall we concentrate on new methodologies and innovative technologies?*
- One reaction to the above questions: it is a cultural problem. We should provide guidance to people towards the different job profiles available in the labour market and how every job entails the need to acquire digital skills.
- We should work with stakeholders and trainers to build effective curricula. In the VET sector we are moving towards a new approach and together with that, a new learning system must be developed in a parallel way.

Experts and participants to the preliminary session

Andrea Giacomelli (ENAIP NET): he is researcher and development director of ENAIP NET. He will be the moderator of this thematic group.

Andrea Biancini (ENAIP NET): expert in digital innovation policies. He will be the co-moderator of this thematic group.

Vasilis Siomadis (KEK-GSEVEE): he represents SME institutes in Greece. He is involved in the SMEsgodigital project supporting SMEs in the digital transformation procedure.

Simon Fusillier (TECHNOBEL): he represents Technobel, based in Belgium. Simon is a digital transformation trainer supporting job seeker in the soft skills development.

Claudia Bettin (REGIONE VENETO): she works in the labour department of Veneto region.

Laurent Da Dalto (MIMBUS): he is an expert of immersive learning in the digital sector

