

# **IMPACT REPORT**

### THE TESTED PROJECT: DELIVERING CHANGE

**ERASMUS+ COOPERATION PARTNERSHIP** 

TACKLING DROP OUTS THROUGH SYSTEMATIC STUDENT SCREENING



2022-2025

















# A Ready-to-Use Solution for VET Schools Early Detection. Real Support. Better Futures.

### Goal

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To identify and eliminate the risk factors that make students, especially those from vulnerable backgrounds, drop out of school

## Who participated

- 115 participants at Baseline Study
- 362 students from 7 VET schools in the Assessment Tool development phase
- 25 teachers from 5 VET schools focused on the development of the Assessment Tool
- 47 active users of the Moodle Platform
- 8 VET schools and 84 VET teachers involved in the piloting phase of the Intervention Mechanism
- 265 students evaluated with the TESTED questionnaires to assess the risk of dropping out
- 34 students benefited from support as a part of the intervention strategy.
- 11 involved stakeholders

### **Results**

- 2 dropout risk assessment questionnaires
- VET Staff Upskilling Package on the Moodle Platform
- Intervention Mechanism,
- The In-Campus Office, functioning as the VET Safety Net.
- ABC Functional Analysis Model
- Reporting Tool
- Cases Library
- TeSTED Toolkit for Teachers
- TeSTED Toolkit for Students

#### **Ethics**

Informed consent was obtained from all participants. We have ensured that all data has been collected and analyzed with maximum confidentiality and anonymity.



# 4 Key project information

- The TeSTED Erasmus+ project, co-funded by the European Union, developed a complete help system- an Intervention mechanism to identify vulnerable VET students early and support their retention in school through personalized strategies.
- This initiative brought together Europe: experts, teachers, students, parents, and interested stakeholders.
- Over 36 months (2022- 2025), six partner organisations from Austria, Bulgaria, Germany, Greece, and Romania joined forces and delivered real change in the VET system.



Erasmus + Programme

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# 5 Our Achievements

We researched the most common risk factors that push students out of school.

We developed educational resources to support teachers and students.

We piloted a new "In-Campus Office" safetynet mechanism in real schools

We reached hundreds of teachers, dozens of schools, and key policy stakeholders across Europe. We built and scientifically validated early-detection tools, socioeconomic and psychometric assessment tools.

We trained VET teachers and counsellors via a free multilingual online platform.

We gave intensive, tailored support to 34 highly vulnerable students.

# The result?

A proven, ready-to-use model that any VET school in Europe can adopt tomorrow – for free.



# **6** What We Set Out to Achieve



Build reliable instruments to spot students at risk because of socioeconomic or psychological difficulties.



Equip VET teachers and staff with the knowledge and skills to use the tools and support students effectively.



Test the complete TeSTED system (screening → personalised support → progress tracking) in real VET schools.



Ensure the TeSTED model continues and grows long after the project ends.

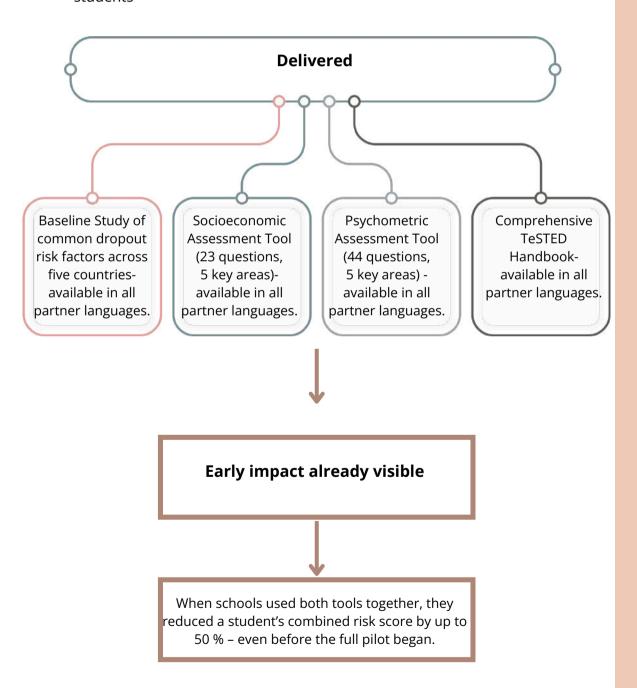




# 7 How We Made It Happen

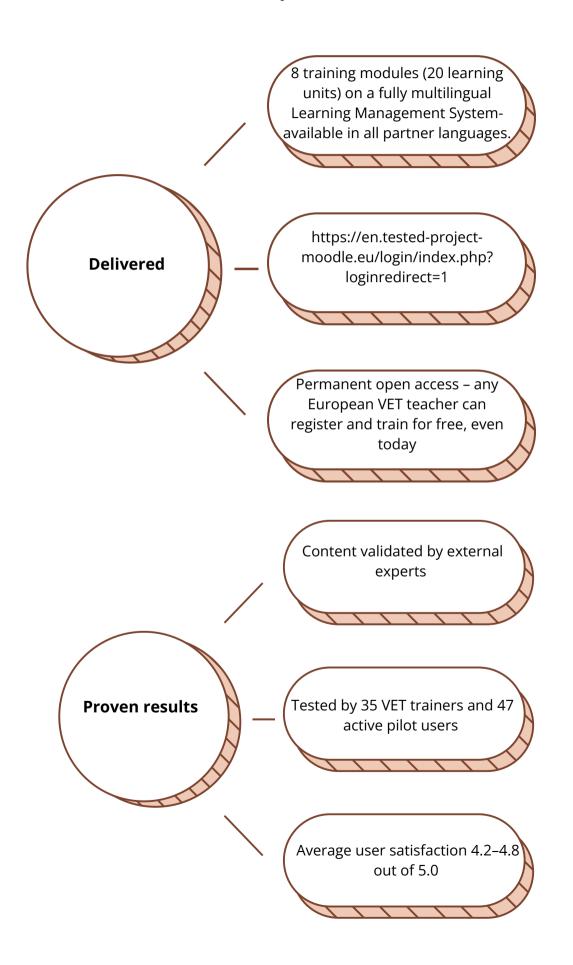
### 1. Reliable Early-Detection Tools

 We conducted 22 in-depth interviews and 94 questionnaires with teachers and students across 4 countries, then pre-tested the instruments with 362 students





### 2. Reliable Early-Detection Tools





### 3. Long-term outputs are ready for every school

#### Delivered

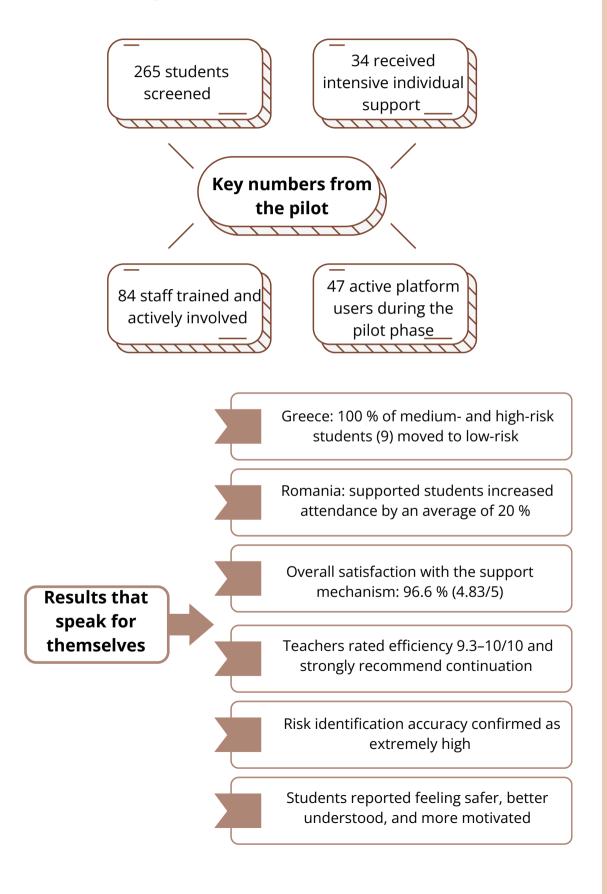
- ABC-Based Functional Analysis model available in all partner languages.
- In-Campus Office Guide offers step-by-step guidance for establishing and running a dedicated student support office within educational institutions, available in all partner languages.
- Anonymous TeSTED Cases Library, a multi-stakeholder database (students, teachers, and parents) that highlights best practices and informs future intervention strategies for diverse dropout scenarios.
- Reporting Tool-Case Recording Mechanism
- Complete VET Dropout Prevention Toolkit (OER) available in all partner languages.
- Student guide "Your Support Circle" mapping national help services available in all partner languages.
- -Ready-to-use intervention templates available in all partner languages.





### 4. Real-World Piloting of the Full TeSTED System

We ran the complete cycle – screening → In-Campus Office support
 → tracking – in 8 VET schools.





# 5. Built to Last – Sustainability After the Project

Launch conference- 4 major Multiplier Events - Final Conference+ Ad Hoc Dissemination events
All tools and materials are published as Open Educational Resources (OER)
Permanent open-access platform and project website
Direct policy dialogue with national and regional authorities
Integration agreements already signed



# 8 What's happening right now (2025 and beyond)

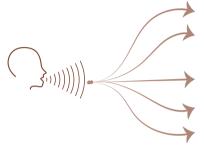
	The model is now part of the European VET Association (EVBB) network.
	Several schools outside the original partnership are adopting the full system (Greece, Bulgaria, Romania)
<b>\rightarrow</b>	Partners are seeking official national accreditation for the TeSTED training programme.  Official national accreditation for the TeSTED program was granted in Romania by Order of the Ministry of National Education No. 3671 on 13.11.2025.
<b></b>	National-scale technological integration in Romania via Adservio (the country's largest school management platform the psychometric tool is already live and free for every VET school from Romania that uses to Adservio electronic register platform (132 VET schools).



# 9 Voices from the TeSTED Pilot

### Students - finally feeling seen

"I wish this had existed earlier." (Greece)



"I feel much better and come to school with confidence now." (Romania)

"Thank you for everything." (Austria)

"I feel safe and welcome here." (Bulgaria)

"Things are better now." (Romania)

### Teachers – empowered and convinced

"The mechanism, combined with teacher observation, identifies at-risk students with impressive accuracy." (Bulgaria)



"It worked even in extreme poverty and chronic absence contexts." (Romania)

"We felt fully supported, and we believe in this model." (Greece)

"We must make the In-Campus Office standard in every VET school." (Austria)



# 10 Conclusion – A Ready-to-Use Solution for Europe



- TeSTED has proven that early detection combined with systematic, school-level support dramatically reduces dropout risk.
- 100 % success in the most difficult cases.
- More than 100 VET professionals have already been trained and are using the system
- Everything is free, multilingual, and permanently online.





### All resources and free registration

#### 1. Register for free on the TeSTED platform (self-registration is open)

EN <a href="https://en.tested-project-moodle.eu/login/index.php?loginredirect=1">https://en.tested-project-moodle.eu/login/index.php?loginredirect=1</a>

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# 2. Download the assessment tools, Toolkits, and In-Campus Office Guide

https://tested-project.eu/resources/

# 3. Open your own In-Campus Office and create a safety net for your VET students

Launch your In-Campus Office today – equip your team with easy, proven tools to keep every VET student supported, motivated, and successful!



# All resources and free registration

- <a href="https://tested-project.eu">https://tested-project.eu</a>
- EPALE
- School Education Gateway
- <u>USLIP website</u>



Thank you to every student, teacher, school, and partner who turned TeSTED from an idea into a life-changing reality!

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