

Newsletter 2 - April 2024

Design Together is an innovative project, funded by Erasmus + Capacity Building, that is pushing boundaries in the VET sector. A bridge between Europe and Sub-Saharan Africa, that aims to empower VET providers to adapt curricula and boost students' digital skills.

Kick-Off Meeting in Athens: 19 - 22 March 2024

The Kick-Off Meeting for the Design Together Project was organized in Athens, Greece, from 19 to 22 March, 2024. Partners travelled from Benin, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Belgium, Portugal, Tanzania and Greece, to work together in this one-week event.

On **Day 1** (19 March 2024) introductions were made, and the following topics were discussed:

- * Project Management
- * Quality Assurance and Monitoring and Evaluation
- * Financial Management and Reporting
- * Dissemination Planning and Allocation of Tasks
- * Organisation of events



The Project Team at the AKMI office

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On **Day 2** (20 March 2024) the following topics were discussed:

- * Development of a sustainable mechanism for curriculum design/revision
- * Upskilling package on the design/revision of curriculum using DACUM
- * Operation of a support mechanism for the design/revision of VET Curricula
- * Setting the Project's Timetable

Partners presented the different work packages, discussed the challenges and solutions, and how to best work together to help the young people in Africa.



The Project Team at the Kick Off meeting

Study Visit: 21 March 2024

On the first day of the Study Visit, the project partners visited a number of AKMI VET centers/ workshops around Athens. It was eye-opening for some of the partners to see the different options that are not available in most countries such as music recording, a fully equipped television studio, radio and podcasting.

Furthermore, more traditional trades like hair and beauty, auto-mechanics, plumbing, cooking and hospitality, but also arts and design, and physical therapy. The strong linkage with the industry was an interesting component of the AKMI model, one that African partners are also working on or trying to expand.



The Project Team at the AKMI VET center



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Study Visit: 22 March 2024

On Day 2 of the Study Visit the team visited the Acropolis as a cultural activity. After that, it was back to the meeting hall for the all-important Workshop on DACUM (Developing A Curriculum) led by one of the AKMI experts in this field. Finally, before the meeting concluded, there was a workshop on Linking Curriculum with the Labour Market.