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After the first newsletter, focused on the launch and presentation of the **I CARE - Improving Mobility and Career Paths for Personal Care and Social Workers** project, we now entered the core of project activities and the development phase.

The aim of this newsletter is the one of updating and reporting on the first phase of project operational development and its main results: **outputs** relating to this working phase, now available on our website, **events** and **news** from the I CARE and ECVET world

The **I CARE project** addresses the issue of **recognition of migrant workers' competences**, with a focus on the personal care and social work as occupational area to be tested.

During its first operational/development phase (Inception Phase - WP2), activities focused on developing a background analysis of the sectoral qualification systems in each participating country (Italy, Germany, Romania and Poland), which could serve as a basis for identifying a common methodological approach model in order to establish a shared reference framework linked to ECVET.

The **aim of the Inception Phase** was thus twofold:

⇒ Providing an overview of the **state-of-the-art** in the qualification framework

(personal care and social work) in participating countries, with a focus on the assessment of commonalities and differences between the Lombardy Sectoral Qualification System and those existing in partner countries (with particular regard to regulatory frameworks and common learning outcomes/units or competences)

⇒ Identifying a **common methodological approach**, based on the collection and analysis of existing methodologies, models and tools in participating countries, with the overall aim of defining the most suitable model for ECVET application to identified qualifications

More details on [project activities](#)

Results

Identification of Qualifications Relating to Personal Care and Social Work in Partner Countries



The report is the first result of the I CARE project activities and it is aimed at serving as a descriptive basis to be used as a common reference framework in subsequent project stages. The report first presents the **rationale and objectives of the I CARE project**, including a brief description of the **seven vocational qualifications** (Lombardy Region qualification subsystem), which are the basis of the experimentation which should allow a mutual recognition of competences among the four participating countries (Italy, Germany,

Romania, and Poland). The document further analyses the contexts and challenges to the development of **ECVET in project partner countries** by showing how ECVET is being implemented at the national and regional levels, outlining characteristics and implementation arrangements. The last part of the report analyses **national qualification systems** by providing an in depth analysis of their structure and differences and a complete **description of each professional profile** according to the different national VET systems.

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Analysis of Existing Methodological Approaches for the Application of ECVET at the National, Regional, and Sectoral Level

The report assesses a number of **European and national ECVET projects** and describes their approaches, in order to focus on the most promising ones for the I CARE project.

The **analysis of existing ECVET projects** was carried out by exploiting four different kinds of data sources: ECVET Pilot Projects, German DECVET Projects, other projects implementing ECVET approaches, and official EU documents and studies on ECVET.

Two caveats and **seven suggestions** have been drawn from the analysis of the existing ECVET methodologies which will guide the development of a common methodology to be finalised in a subsequent project phase.

In the Annexes, a short Presentation Card of each analysed project is given.

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Second I CARE Meeting

13-14 October 2011 - Bucharest (RM)

Project partners met again for a two days of exchange and co-operation on developments ahead.

Next working phase will focus on the implementation of ECVET principles/technical specifications (**WP 3**)

Keep visiting the **I CARE website** for update on the meeting's outcome

8th ECVET Pilot Projects Seminar

29-30 September 2011 - Ljubljana (SL)

The seminar brought together the 1st (2008-2011) and 2nd generation (2011-2013) of ECVET pilot projects for a two-days discussion on common challenges and opportunities for synergies.

The I CARE project attended the seminar and results of the meeting will be published on the project website

News

I CARE in the News



- **ECVET Pilot Projects Website**

I CARE is published on the ECVET pilot projects' website, which presents information about all 19 ECVET pilot projects, along with other projects relating to ECVET testing and developments

- **Lombardy Regional Government**

The institutional website and information channels of Italy's Lombardy Regional Government have announced the I Care project and distributed information to their audiences and the general public in Italy. More in particular, I Care has been published on

- ⇒ **Directorate for Education, Training and Employment** website
- ⇒ *DoteNews*, the newsletter dedicated to VET providers and job placement centres (issue n.16, July 2011)
- ⇒ *SpazioRegione Inform@*, the newsletter of the Public Information Office (29 July 2011)

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