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SiT Sustainability in TCLF



Welcome to the SiT newsletter! We're excited to share our project's early activities and updates with you. In this edition, you'll find information about our project and an introduction of our team.

Our first activity aims at creating **KNOWLEDGE TRIANGLES** at local level. The partnership is working to the establishment of working groups involving:

-  HE and Research institution
-  c-VET/VET providers- specifically working in TCLF value chain
-  TCLF companies or organisations representing the sector

that will work in close cooperation for the analysis of skill gaps and the co-design of training modules and contents.

What is a Knowledge Triangle?



The **Knowledge Triangle** embodies a powerful collaboration among **education, research, and business sectors**. Our goal is to innovate the TCLF sector by creating exchange among these actors:

- **Higher Education and Research Institutions**
- **Vocational Education and Training Providers**
- **Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises or representative bodies**

Which are the benefits from taking part?

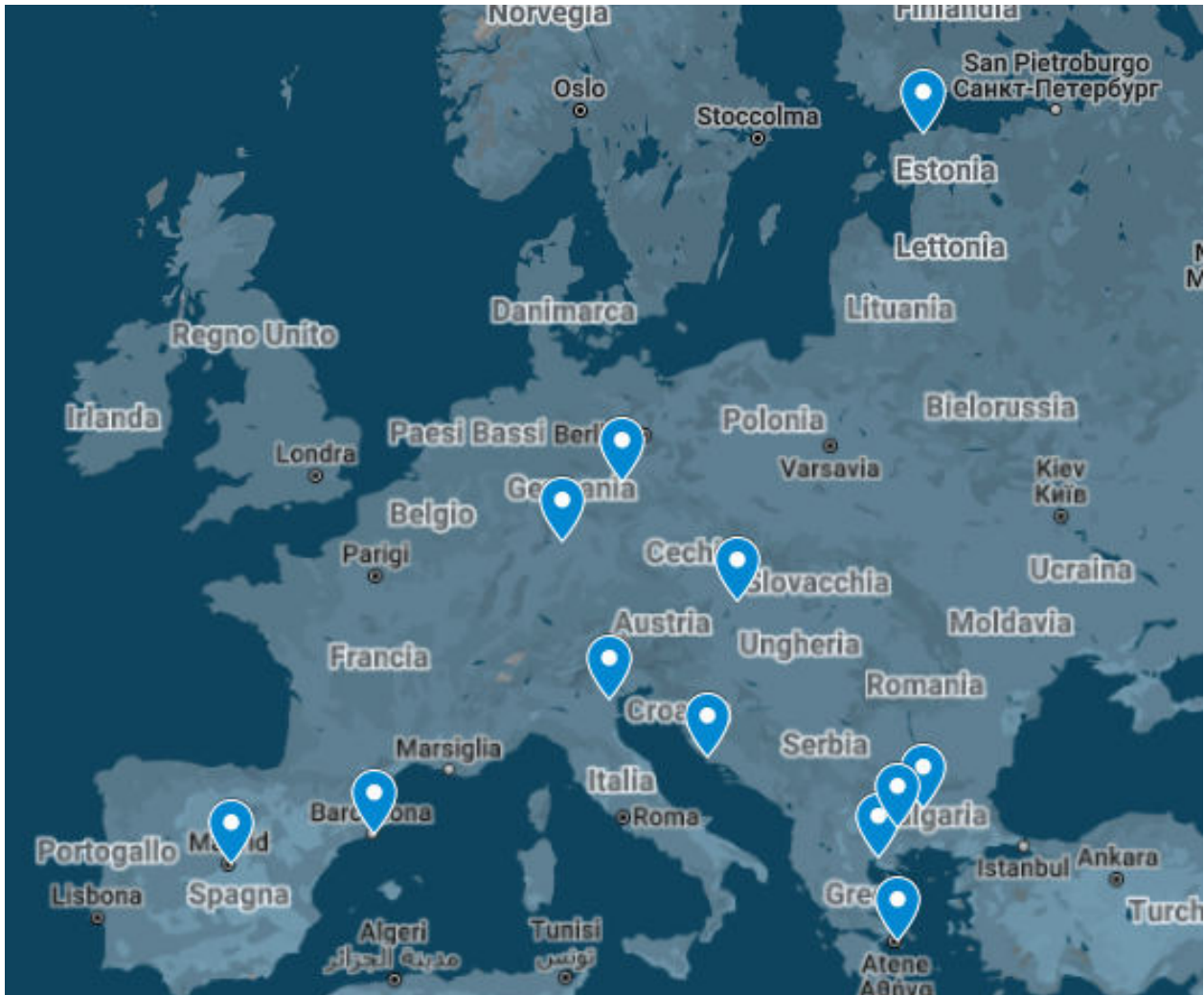
Stakeholders in the Knowledge Triangle will gain access to research findings, training materials, and initiatives from the SIT project. They'll also receive visibility through SIT channels, networking in the TCLF sector, acknowledgment at events, and opportunities for academic research participation.



WHO WE ARE:

SiT partnership overview

The SiT project involves 15 partners from 8 EU countries: Germany, Italy, Spain, Greece, Bulgaria, Croatia, Estonia and Slovakia. The consortium is made up of organisations from VET, c-VET, HE and business representatives in order to create a bridge between education and labour market.





WHO WE ARE:

Germany - ITKAM -



CAMERA DI COMMERCIO
ITALIANA PER LA GERMANIA
ITALIENISCHE HANDELSKAMMER
FÜR DEUTSCHLAND

The Italian Chamber of Commerce for Germany, established in 1911 under German law as a non-profit association of entrepreneurs and professionals, is recognized by the Italian government. ITKAM is a bilateral association that operates on the Italian and German markets to foster and increase economic relations and cooperation between companies in both countries and has three operational offices (Frankfurt, Berlin, Leipzig), several representative offices in Italy, and a desk in Vienna (ITKAM Austrian Desk).

Role in SiT: Coordinator - responsible for the overall coordination, management and implementation of the project, as well as communication between the consortium and the granting authority, assessment and submitting of deliverables and reports, distributing funds to the other beneficiaries.

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Germany - VDMD -

Netzwerk für Mode.Textil.Interieur.
Accessoires Designer.innen e.V.
Association of Fashion.Textile.
Interior.Accessoires Designers



The Network for Fashion Textile.Interior.Accessory.Design, founded in 1985, is the strongest and largest trade association for fashion textile interior accessories designers in Germany. The numerous activities of the association serve to anchor design services, sustainability in the fashion/textile sector and green education in the school sector in the awareness of companies and politicians. Furthermore, it stands for the dissemination of competent information and targeted advice in line with its professional mission for its designers. VDMD uses modules - via its Mentoring.Lab academy - to train pupils and students on all facets of sustainability issues.

Role in SiT: Research activities, participation in implementing the project's work packages (specifically WP3 – Curricula and modules development).



WHO WE ARE:

Spain - CCIB -



The Italian Chamber of Commerce in Barcelona is a Spanish non-profit association of industrial and commercial enterprises, professionals and traders who wish to work actively to develop economic relationships in Europe, especially between Italy and Spain. Active for more than 100 years on the territory, The Italian Chamber of Commerce in Barcelona is also officially recognized by the Italian Government, as a strategic actor for the support in bilateral cooperation and for the assistance to entrepreneurs in their association.

Role in SiT: CCIB has a crucial role, as it will be responsible for coordinating the evaluation activities throughout its various phases, based on its extensive scientific and methodological experience.

Slovakia - ICEP -



The Institute of European Certification of Personnel, established in 2009 as an Accreditation, is a certification or qualification body, and is actually a leader in the certification sector for the validation of digital competences. ICEP mission is to certify the verifiable formal and non-formal competences of professionals and individuals, **through a set of standardised requirements, procedures and quality assurance measures, in accordance with International Standards.**

Role in SiT: ICEP is a project partner and will assume the role of a VET provider, responsible mainly for the certification process, to all contributions related with the project implementation and dissemination activities. ICEP will lead the task related with the development of training modules and materials, development of a framework for certification, validation, recognition and accreditation and development of the assessment and evaluation results of the training.

Spain - FPEmpresa -



The Asociación de Centros de Formación Profesional FPEmpresa is a non-profit association that brings together more than 630 public, private and subsidised Vocational Training Centres from all over Spain. Since 2012, it has been working with the aim of promoting and encouraging Vocational Training through the exchange of experiences and good practices between the centres that make up the association.

Role in SiT: FPEmpresa will assume the role of a VET provider, thanks to the extensive network of centres that are part of the Association. This network is comprised of more than 630 VET centres distributed throughout Spain. The Association will be in charge of Work Package 4, which involves the development of a MOOC focused on promoting the acquisition of various functional, transversal, digital and green competences. This MOOC aims to enhance the development of students and professionals in the textile sector.



WHO WE ARE:

Bulgaria - PCCI -



The Plovdiv Chamber of Commerce and Industry is a leading business support organization in the Plovdiv region of Bulgaria since 1990. It represents companies of all sizes coming from different economic sectors and provides various business services.

The Chamber is a reliable partner in numerous international cooperation projects and actively cooperates with regional stakeholders for the benefit of business and society. Its mission is to promote entrepreneurship in Plovdiv Region, shaping the local industrial ecosystem.

Role in SiT: PCCI will contribute with its extensive experience acting as a BSO in the second largest city in Bulgaria with traditionally well-developed TCLF industry. Its role would be horizontal and it will support the execution of all workpackages, reflecting the needs and expectations from business perspective.

Greece - OECON Group -



OECON Group, established in 2003, is a European management consulting firm and a leading advisor in business strategy, social entrepreneurship, as well as an adult education centre established in Thessaloniki, Greece. Focusing on supporting the sustainable development of the economy, it helps and guides individuals and organizations in their life-long-learning pathway.

Role in SiT: OECON Group will participate and contribute to all project activities, and will be responsible to host the international Bootcamp in Greece.

Greece - AKMI -



The AKMI ANONIMI EKPAIDEFTIKI ETAIRIA, founded in 1989, is Greece's largest VET provider and one of Europe's top 7. Operating in 9 cities, it covers nearly 60% of Greece's VET sector, offering post-secondary education (EQF levels 3-5) in 112 specialties across 14 sectors. With around 18,000 students yearly and 380+ labs spread over 37,500 m², AKMI fosters collaboration, problem-solving, and inclusivity among students. AKMI emphasizes social inclusion and gender equality, aiming to mold youth into productive, open-minded citizens. Recognized for its innovation, AKMI was awarded "The most Innovative VET Provider in Europe" in 2022 by EVSW.

Role in SiT: AKMI will participate and contribute to all project activities, and will be responsible to host the international Bootcamp in Greece.



WHO WE ARE:

Bulgaria - PIRIN-TEX EOOD -



PIRIN-TEX, the company, established in 1993, is a major garment producer for prominent European fashion brands. Its business models are CM, CMT, FOB and own brand “Rollmann”. The company produces jackets, trousers, waistcoats, overjackets, shirts, coats, blouses, dresses, tops, T-shirts & polo shirts, accessories. It offers additional services to its customers, as style development (CAD/CAM), garment wash and garment dye, logistics, freight forwarding. Its objective is to continuously develop the production and keep pace with the newest requirements of the international markets, while striving to reduce the environmental footprint of its operations.

Role in SiT: PIRIN-TEX participates as a partner company from the real industry.

Estonia - Creative Eston



Loov Eesti/ Creative Estonia is a CCI cluster and development center that promotes and develops creative industries and creative businesses in Estonia, with a mission to bring Estonian creativity to the world. To reach that aim it creates as many opportunities and channels as possible to form the cooperation networks, exchange of expertise, and information.

Role in SiT: Loov Eesti will coordinate WP5 - Establishment of Green TCLF Business Ecosystems. The aim is to create a supportive ecosystem for potential TCLF MSMEs and start-ups for green transformation and promote opportunities for internationalisation.

Estonia - Eka -



The Estonian Academy of Arts, established in 1914, is the only public university in Estonia providing higher education in fine arts, design, architecture, media, visual studies, art history, and conservation. In addition to active study and research activities, the Estonian Academy of Arts also offers lifelong learning opportunities through the Open Academy. EKA belongs to the TOP 200 Art&Design universities by QS World Top University Ranking 2022

Role in SiT: EKA will coordinate WP2: Training structure Analysis and will participate and contribute to all project activities.



WHO WE ARE:

Croatia - VUS -



Šibenik University of Applied Sciences was first established in 2006 and educates young students in the fields of social, technical and biomedical sciences, offering undergraduate and master professional study programmes: Tourism management, Administrative law, Nursing, Traffic and transportation studies, Business informatics, Computing.

The aim of the institution is providing programs of high quality that will enable responsible young experts to become the carriers of future development for the local, national and international community especially since it is the only higher education institution in the country.

Role in SiT: responsible for the research activities and the development of the new curricula that will lead to the pilot actions.

Italy - IRECOOP



Irecoop Veneto is a training organisation established in 1980 by the Confcooperative Veneto – the Regional Union of cooperatives in the Italian region of Veneto - and the Federation of Cooperative Credit banks for the development of social economy in the region. Its primary objective is to develop the social economy in Veneto through training, research, and the development of innovative tools. It also provides continuous vocational training for professionals in cooperative enterprises, basic and follow-up training, professional qualification, and staff re-qualification for job seekers, employees, disadvantaged people, migrants, refugees, and emerging professional profiles. Irecoop Veneto is accredited by the Veneto Region for VET Continuing Education and Higher Education.

Role in SiT: will participate and contribute to all project activities

Italy - CCIAA Padova



Chamber of commerce of Padova is the public body representing all enterprises of the province of Padova. It's in charge for the development of the territorial economic system, offering services to companies and implementing projects and activities also in cooperation with the Regional Government, the Regional and National Union of the Chambers of Commerce, the main local and regional business support organisations aiming at involving companies, local and regional stakeholders.

Role in SiT: responsible for project communication and dissemination, it will participate and contribute to all project activities.

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Enjoy learning more about the project!**