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ABOUT THE PROJECT

In November 2020, under the coordination of BICC - Sandanski from Bulgaria, six partners of five European countries started working together in the frame of project CompoWin -More Skilled Hands for Hi-Tech Production. The project is running for 24 months, starting from 01.11.2020 to 31.10.2022, with the financial support of the Erasmus + Programme, Key Action 2 Strategic partnership in the field of vocational education and training. The project is oriented on composite materials and training in the field of composite industry, which boasts high added value, and the work is still done by hand. In this way, they make aeroplanes, boats, sports equipment, wind turbine blades, etc. The project partnership will create a comprehensive, valuable, and attractive training system for future composite materials manufacturers. The project will develop curricula, materials for teachers and documents for self-evaluation. Combined with an existing online course on the CompoHUB web platform, it will be possible to turn general technical knowledge or teaching into basic teaching techniques and understanding of composite materials. At the same time, the project addresses the ability for rapid deployment of composite industry workforce training in organizations with no previous experience on the topic.

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Kick-off meeting of project partners within the CompoWin project

On the 8th of December 2020, a Kick-off meeting of project partners within the CompoWin project took place. The meeting was hosted online by the project coordinator BICC - Sandanski with the active participation of all partners. The common thread of the project are composite materials and training in the composite industry. The project partnership will focus on creating a comprehensive, useful and attractive training system for future composite materials manufacturers. The project will create curricula, materials for teachers and documents for selfevaluation. During the meeting, partners identified the deliverables and action points regarding the forthcoming research process which will be carried out in selected countries to identify the overall state, existing barriers and deficiencies, development trends and employment opportunities of the composite industry.

At the meeting, all partners involved in the project met and defined work or project activities, namely project management, dissemination of project activities and quality assurance of project results in order to successfully implement the project, project activities and project goals.

2nd transnational meeting of project partners within the CompoWin project

On the 25th and 26th of November 2021, the 2nd transnational meeting of project partners within the CompoWin project took place. The meeting was hosted by the German partner SBG Dresden mbH and was held in a hybrid format due to the epidemiological situation. At the meeting, project partnership presented the work already done on all intellectual results, reviewed upcoming activities and formulated guidelines for the further activities of the project. The meeting marked the first year into project implementation, which resulted in various important outputs and activities aimed at supporting the overall development of the composite industry in partner countries.

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Competence and Skills Framework Report

Partners of the CompoWin project carried out a comprehensive analysis of the composite industry in partner countries. Report to build on the results of the CompoHUB project and produce a comprehensive Competence and Skills Framework for the existing state and development prospects of the composite industry in partner countries. In addition, the research findings summarised in the Report provide recommendations and guidelines to the relevant policymakers, support organisations and even employers to invest and develop into the necessary knowledge, skills and competences and adequate teaching methods fostering the development of the composite industry in partner countries and Europe, in general.

Read more of the findings: HERE

Catalogue of opportunities and barriers for employment

The Catalogue of opportunities and barriers for employment (COBE) was created as part of the CompoWin project. The Catalogue serves as a roadmap for VET providers, training institutions and employers to identify the most common barriers to employment in the composite industry and modify their training selection process or to minimise/overcome these barriers. The Catalogue aims to provide an overview of the most common barriers for employment in the composite industry, based on the feedback provided by SMEs working in the composite industry. Furthermore, COBE identifies the potentials to modify training or educational process in order to minimise and overcome the barriers to employment in the composite industry.

You can download Catalogue of opportunities and barriers for employment (COBE) <u>HERE</u>

Potential Technologies Focus Catalogue

The **Potential Technologies Focus Catalogue (PTFC)** was one of the main outputs of the work that project partners carried out in the frame of IO1. The PTFC is intended for both companies and educational institutions, which can offer theoretical and practical, work-based learning content on the basis of our work. The PTFC can support both formal and non-formal education offerings on the market. The PTFC is also intended for companies that are (re)focusing on composite production and also for companies with a long tradition of operating in the composite industry. The Catalogue will aid companies to identify the direction of composite production in the future more efficiently and assess the potential techniques or procedures that will give them the most significant added value for the industry in the near future. Additionally, the PTFC is also interesting for individuals who want to engage in composite production for their own needs as employees. With this Catalogue, they will gain insight into various technologies available in the production of composite products and will be able to decide on the process or a technology that is most suitable for them and consequently enrol in (interesting) practical training.

Read more about the existing and future technologies in the composite industry HERE



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