



ECVET in LV:

overview: 2016-2017, plans for 2018



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Liepāja University (LV)
Erasmus+ Capacity Building Higher Education
Project <https://www.ruecvet.lv/en/> Meeting
23/04/2018 (Skype presentation)



ECVET in Latvia (1)

- **Annual ECVET LV project implemented by State Education Development Agency as Erasmus+ LV National Agency (NA) for education & training as of 2014**
- **Implemented ECVET activities are based on Annual Plan prepared by the NA and approved by the European Commission**

ECVET in Latvia (2)

- **Erasmus+ ECVET Team in Latvia** consists of:
 - **ECVET LV co-ordinator** (from the Erasmus+ National Agency, Ms Antra Mengele as of 2016)
 - **ECVET LV national experts** nominated by the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Latvia (nominated/confirmed on annual basis)

ECVET LV Experts' Team: 2017

- **4 ECVET LV experts:**
- Mrs **Dace CINE**, Director of Professional Education Competence Centre “Kuldīga Technology and Tourism Technical School” (VET practitioner with long-term experience, also experienced in ECVET application piloting within the scope of transnational co-operation projects)
- Mrs **Ruta GINTAUTE – MARIHINA**, (VET content, VET reforms, VET development projects at national level)
- Mrs **Līga KRASTINA**, Project Expert of Project Department, Academic Information Centre (EQF LV NCP, Europass, ReferNet)
- Mr **Alvis VAGULIS**, (employer, also active in Work-based Learning piloting activities)



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ECVET LV Experts' Team: 2018

- Under final confirmation by the Ministry of Education and Science, LV

Main activities in LV (1)

- Training and advice:
 - **Information and guidance provided to Erasmus+ KA1 VET Mobility projects' beneficiaries** - training on the use of ECVET principles for geographical mobility of VET learners in practice (2016)
 - In years 2017, 2018 **attention is continuously paid to ECVET application training activities for:**
 - **Erasmus+ KA1 VET sector Learning Mobility final beneficiaries** (in year 2017 targeted to 2 audiences: (1) institutions **without VET Mobility Charters**, (2) institutions **with VET Mobility Charters**)
 - **Erasmus+ KA1 VET sector Learning Mobility potential applicants**

Main activities in LV (2)

- Assist in policy making (1):
 - **Round table discussion with LV policy makers** on approaches in ECVET implementation was prepared and organised on 28/10/2016 to discuss benefits and challenges of approaches in ECVET implementation
 - **Substantial input provided by joint effort of:**
 - the **ECVET Secretariat** (on behalf of the European Commission)
 - the **ECVET LV experts' team**
 - **involved stakeholders** (Ministry of Education and Science, National Centre for Education, State Education Quality Service and social partner institutions – Employers' Confederation of Latvia and Latvian Trade Union of Education and Science Employees)
 - **Erasmus+ LV National Agency**

Main activities in LV (3)

- Assist in policy making (2):
 - **Interact/exchange the information** with the LV policy makers and involved public administration institutions, other relevant stakeholders on the latest ECVET developments at European and national level - **mutual/ad hoc exchange of information** among the National Agency & Ministry of Education and Science, other involved bodies is ensured

Main activities in LV (4)

- Promotion and awareness raising (1):
 - on 30/11/2016 the **ECVET seminar for targeted VET institutions** – strategically appointed LV Professional Education Competence Centres
 - on 19/12/2016 the **annual national ECVET seminar “ECVET – for recognition of skills, for mobility, and for employability”**
 - **promotion and awareness raising activity initiated for Erasmus+ VET Mobility Charter Holders** to emphasize use of ECVET principles in the context of implementing institutions’ Internationalisation Strategies (28/09/2017)

Main activities in LV (5)

- Promotion and awareness raising (2):
 - International Conference “**ECVET in the context of Life-long Learning**” held on **30 November, 2017** (~100 participants):
 - broadened context of ECVET was promoted and awareness raised at various levels of respective target groups, incl. via sharing latest European developments, international and regional experience, national priorities and further challenges
 - **ECVET Secretariat** substantial input
 - **Experts** from **Austria** and the **United Kingdom**
 - **LV VET reforms** in the context of ECVET application in LLL
 - **2 active working groups** in the afternoon

Main activities in LV (6)

- Promotion and awareness raising (3) - 2018:
 - New form of reaching wide audience all over Latvia – **webinar on ECVET** awareness raising and promotion is planned to be developed and applied
 - **Info Package** on practical application of ECVET is to be designed and developed in a comprehensive manner, and made available **in the Latvian language**
 - **ECVET** promotion in **School Fair 2018**

Main activities in LV (7)

- ECVET community of practice:
 - **National ECVET network development** at national, sectoral, regional level is further strengthened involving VET institutions, VET training providers, social partners, policy makers, employers in the ECVET training, promotion and awareness raising events organised by the NA as well as ensuring regularly up-dated information, materials, links (e.g. EC's topical policy developments/documents; ECVET Secretariat web-site, ECVET on-line Magazines, etc.), documentation in the ECVET section on the NA's web-site, also communicated via respective e-lists
 - **Informative brochure "ECVET & Geographical Mobility"** developed by the NA/ECVET LV Team in year 2015 further distributed and disseminated to the respective target audiences (printed & on-line versions)
 - **ECVET Tool-Kit promotion cards and book-marks** received from the EC services in previous years were also further disseminated during the organized events



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Main activities in LV (8)

- Participation in European meetings and events:
 - Annual European Commission & National Agencies' meetings in Brussels (National Agency staff)
 - ECVET Annual Forum 2016 (Italy; 2 LV experts)
 - ECVET Event in Austria (Nov, 2016; 1 LV expert)
 - **Baltic / Finnish ECVET Peer Learning Activity** (Oct, 2017, LT; 3 LV experts) – *every 2nd year, started in 2015*
 - **ECVET Annual Forum 2017** (Malta; 3 LV experts) – **for 2 LV experts – Active Role Request** by the ECVET Secretariat:
 - Mrs **Ruta Gintaute – Marihina**: *Boosting employability by...Designing qualifications in terms of defined groups of learning outcomes*
 - Mr **Alvis Vagulis**: *Boosting employability by...Involving labour market stakeholders in the design and update groups of learning outcomes*
 - **Presentations available:** <http://www.ecvet-secretariat.eu/en/training-and-events/19-20-october-2017-annual-ecvet-forum-malta>



Main activities in LV (9)

- **Promoting the development and the use of ECVET done in coordination with other European instruments supporting mobility of learners and staff, transparency and recognition of learning outcomes, credit and qualifications, and VET quality, such as Euroguidance, EPALE, EURES, Europass, EQF, EQAVET, E-twinning, Eurydice, etc.**

Main activities in LV (10)

- **EU education & training & guidance networks' annual peer-learning activity** (annual meetings established in year 2015, on 8/Sept/2017 - hosted by the LV National Agency):
 - **targeted annual peer-learning activity** hosted in turn by involved institutions
 - **sharing of information** of the achieved results, **best practices, further planned activities**, incl. common initiatives, **involvement in other networks' activities** as well as **exchange of information on** the respective latest **policy developments** at European level concerning the future operation of different networks



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Useful resources

- **ECVET LV Events** (Erasmus+ LV NA's web-page) – *materials, presentations from international events available also in English:*
http://viaa.gov.lv/lat/ek_izgl_programmas_iniciativas/erasmusplus/ecvet_aktivitate/ecvet_pasakumi/
- **ECVET Secretariat web-page** (*useful materials, news, events, ECVET Magazines, Knowledge Centre, etc.*):
<http://www.ecvet-secretariat.eu/en>
- **ECVET ToolKit:**
<http://www.ecvet-toolkit.eu/>

Thank you!

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