Aim2Sustain Sustainability skills for HORECA

Newsletter #1

About the project

The main objective of AIM2SUSTAIN is to develop sustainability skills for the HORECA (hotel, restaurant and catering) sector through the creation of an online learning space and the development of guidelines for sustainability as a competence in HORECA. AIM2SUSTAIN aims to identify action areas and requirements for sustainability skills and criteria in the HORECA sector, create appropriate teaching/learning content on sustainability issues, develop the capacity of VET teachers in teaching sustainability for working life, expand students' understanding of sustainable working culture in the HORECA sector and ensure the link between VET and the demands of the HORECA labour market.



Aim of the project

Objectives:

1. Identify sustainability action areas and skills requirements and criteria in the HORECA sector;

2. Create appropriate teaching/learning content on sustainability topics in accordance with HORECA sector requirements.

3. Build VET teachers' capacity in teaching sustainability for working life.

4. Expand students' understanding of sustainable work culture in the HORECA sector.

5. Ensure a link between VET and HORECA labour market demands

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What have we been working on?

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This result will enable the project to assess the skills needed of the HORECA sector was implemented simultaneously in all seven countries involved in the project.

Finally the result of the project will enable educators to assess.

The target respondents were representatives of the HORECA business as well as VET institutions.

On 28–29 June the partners met in Valencia (Spain) to participate in a workshop on the development of Sustainability Guidelines as a Competence.

Representatives of 7 organisations from 7 countries (Greece, Spain, The Netherlands, Bulgaria, Lithuania, Poland, and Portugal) gathered for the first face-to-face workshop of this project.

During the first day of the workshop, the partners discussed the survey, its results, and main findings and identified the key topics to be included in the Guidelines for Sustainability as a Competence in the HORECA sector.

The second day of the activity was dedicated to designing the structure and key elements of the Guidelines, as well as discussing and planning the next steps of the project implementation.



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Sustainability Action Areas and Skills Requirements and Criteria in the HORECA Sector (Survey results)



Identify the key
 Challenges "slowing down"
 the "green transition" of
 the sector

2) Listing the training needs for the employees in the HORECA



- Lack/ need of employees with better skills for implementing sustainable practices in the every-day company processes
- Economical difficulties the need of more financial resources and investments
- Waste management/reduction/recycling
- Knowledge and understanding of use of renewable and alternative energy sources, transition to low-carbon economy
- Reduce resource consumption
- Sustainable working practices (including the physical and mental health of the employees)
- Supporting the use of local resources, local recipes and products, meals, optimisation of the supply chain

Respondents per countries distribution



Representatives of the HORECA sector (Business)
Representatives of VET sector (Education)





Next steps:

- Creating the Guidelines for Sustainability as a Competence in HORECA
- Developing the content for online Aim2Sustain learning space
- Developing the online Aim2Sustain learning space delivery platform

Stay tuned!



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