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A Blueprint to Revitalise Skills and Jobs in the TCLF Sectors in Europe

The need to anticipate and enhance adequate skills and learning methods as well as to attract and qualify workers has brought together 21 public and private stakeholders of the Textile, Clothing, Leather, and Footwear (TCLF) sectors under a strategic 4-year Erasmus+ project called “Skills4Smart TCLF”. The aim of the project is to create a robust and sustainable community of private and public actors across Europe, which will re-shape and update skills and education in these traditional and yet dynamic and innovative sectors within an EU-wide skills strategy.

During a two-day meeting in Brussels, the Blueprint partners from 9 EU countries participated in the kick-off meeting of “Skills4Smart TCLF”, an ambitious project co-funded by the European Commission under the Erasmus+ programme **to attract, upskill and develop innovative learning methods for the workers of Textile, Clothing, Leather, and Footwear (TCLF) companies in Europe.**

Led by the European umbrella organisation EURATEX (textile and clothing) together with its two counterparts COTANCE (leather) and CEC (footwear), as well as a group of VET providers, technical universities, companies, and public bodies, the consortium will combine their respective expertise to create the right conditions and environment to respond to **these sectors’ growing demand for a talented and modernised workforce**, while updating and reshaping the necessary curricula and VET programmes, testing and replicating them across Europe.

The **Blueprint for sectoral cooperation** will in this way contribute to the establishment of a **network of VET providers** across Europe to ensure modernised and updated occupations and curricula to grasp the opportunities of ever-growing digitalisation, sustainable economy, and technological innovation in accordance with industry needs. The project also expects to involve relevant **European regions committed** to supporting the growth and modernisation of the TCLF industries, which represent a combined annual turnover of over € 200 billion and employ 2 million people in the European Union.

Above all, “Smart4Skills TCLF” will create a **large community of TCLF and education stakeholders working to reach excellence in skills anticipation and development**, so that workers in these sectors can be equipped with the latest and most advanced skills to help EU companies reach their maximum potential in a competitive and innovation-based world. In parallel, the TCLF sectors will then offer **exciting career prospects for young people** who want to be part of Europe’s hallmark industries and advance its growth and success while contributing to the excellence of European consumer products.

Project Details:

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Project Partners:

1. EURATEX, Belgium – Textiles & Clothing, Project coordinator
2. CEC, Belgium - Footwear
3. COTANCE, Belgium - Leather
4. CIAPE- Centro Italiano per l'Apprendimento Permanente, Italy
5. CITEVE- Centro Tecnológico das Indústrias Têxtil e do Vestuário de Portugal, Portugal
6. CNDIPT- Centrul National de Dezvoltare a Invatamantului Profesional Si, Romania
7. COBOT, Belgium
8. CTCP Centro Tecnológico do Calçado de Portugal, Portugal
9. HMA - Hellenic Management Association (EEDE), Greece
10. Fundacion Estatal, Spain
11. IVOC, Belgium
12. INESCOP- Instituto Tecnológico Del Calzado Y Conexas, Spain
13. OPCALIA, France
14. PIN- Soc. Cons. A r.l. – Servizi didattici e scientifici per l'Università di Firenze, Italy
15. Politecnico Calzaturiero, Italy
16. SPIN360, Italy
17. TUIASI- Universitatea Tehnica Gheorghe Asachi din Iasi, Romania
18. Lodz University of Technology, Poland
19. UPC- Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya, Spain
20. PIRIN-TEX EOOD, Bulgaria
21. Marzotto, Italy