

PRESS RELEASE

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**“DEVELOP INNOVATIVE APPRENTICESHIP NETWORK OF
VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS AND VERY SMALL ENTERPRISES IN THE
METAL CONSTRUCTION SECTOR”**



The Kick-off Meeting of the ERASMUS+ project entitled “Develop Innovative Apprenticeship Network of Vocational Schools and Very Small Enterprises in the Metal Construction Sector” / INNO-APPRE-NET” was held on 12-13 January 2015, at the OAED Headquarters, Athens, Greece.

The meeting was attended by the OAED Governor, **Theodoros Ambatzoglou**, as well as representatives of all the project partners, from Greece, Austria, Belgium and Germany.

OAED is the Leader Partner of the INNO-APPRE-NET project, and the OAED General Director of Vocational Education and Training, **Athanasia Theodoridou**, is the INNO-APPRE-NET Project Manager. The project is an OAED initiative aimed at upgrading the quality of Vocational Education and Training (VET) and Apprenticeship in Greece by closely collaborating with the social partners and transferring know-how from other EU member states.

The INNO-APPRE-NET aims to create a network between enterprises of the Metal Construction Sector and the OAED Apprenticeship Vocational Schools. Its more specific aims include identifying the learning needs of the OAED Apprenticeship Vocational Schools (EPAS), and the “green skills” needs of SMEs in the Metal Construction Sector.

Apart from OAED, the other project partners are the following:

- The **Institute of Small Enterprises of the Hellenic Confederation of Professionals, Craftsmen and Merchants (IME GSEVEE, Greece)**, which conducts research studies and diffuses knowledge and information about very small, small and medium-sized enterprises of the secondary and tertiary sectors of the economy.
- The **Labour Institute of the General Confederation of Greek Workers (INE GSEE, Greece)**, an institute that is highly active, inter alia, in the areas of scientific research, training, further training, and lifelong learning.
- The **European Vocational Training Association (EVTA, Belgium)**, a network of European organizations in the field of human capital development, with an important role in Vocational Training over the past 15 years.

– The **Berufsförderungsinstitut Oberösterreich (BFI-OÖ, Austria)**, an institute of Vocational Education and Training in Upper Austria, with a leading presence in the Austrian labour market.

– **CJD Maximiliansau (Germany)**, an Institute of Vocational Training with 150 branches throughout Germany and several years of experience in the field of Vocational Training.

The INNO-APPRE-NET project is co-funded by the Erasmus+ programme, the new EU programme for Education, Training, Youth and Sport. With a duration of 36 months, the programme has a total budget of €365,940.

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