



## **EAST - Entrepreneurship as Self-employment tool. Skills and qualifications within ECVET** **2<sup>nd</sup> press release, July 2020**

### **About the project**

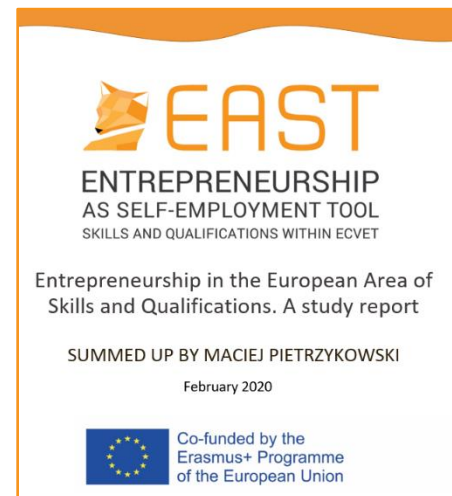
*EAST - Entrepreneurship as Self-employment tool. Skills and qualifications within ECVET* is an Erasmus+ KA2 project (Project number: 2019-1-ES01-KA202-064035) that started in October 2019 and has a duration of two years.



The main **objective** of EAST project is to develop a **training itinerary for entrepreneurship** / small businesses management following **ECVET** recommendations and thus applicable in different countries. The EAST qualification will describe the units and learning outcomes corresponding to the entrepreneur profile, and determine the required knowledge, skills and competences to become an entrepreneur. It will allow flexibility in the training pathway thanks to assessment solutions and a modular structure. It will be summarised in a Europass Certificate Supplement to make it easily understood over Europe.

### **Completion of Intellectual Output 1**

The first intellectual output of EAST, entitled “**Entrepreneurship as Self-employment tool. Skills and qualifications within ECVET**” has been successfully completed. The development of IO1 produced a report where a needs analysis was done to collect the best practices of entrepreneurship and innovative educational approaches already in use in the partnership countries (Spain, Poland, Cyprus, Greece, Italy). It also identified the training needs and necessary steps for the successful implementation of open educational approaches in their daily practices. The results are included in a [common report](#), which is available in the project website: <https://east.erasmus.site/>. You can also find the executive summary of the common report in all partner languages, also on the project website.





## **Development of Intellectual Output 2**

The second intellectual output of the project, “**Recommendations to create bridges between VET and higher education systems for entrepreneurship**”, has also been completed with success. Despite the difficulties that the partners were facing due to the COVID-19 crisis, the consortium managed to remain productive and complete IO2 with great results. In particular, IO2 consists of two parts:

- **Part 1:** Basic assumptions→ With information about the VET/ECVET systems in the partner countries, confirming learning outcomes in the area of entrepreneurship, a comparative research and recommendations for validation.
- **Part 2:** Validation methodology→ With information about the approaches of validation, the validation process, validation methods, validation advisors, certifying institutions, the quality assurance of validation and extra recommendations.

The IO2 comparative report, as well as the executive summary in all partner languages and English can be found in the project website.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Transnational Partners’ Meeting held online**

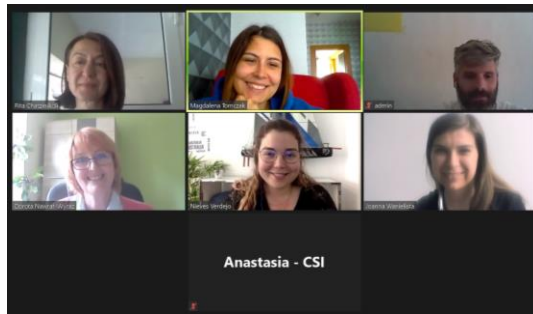
The 2<sup>nd</sup> partners’ meeting was scheduled to take place in Rome, Italy in April 2020. However, due to the unforeseen circumstances caused by the global pandemic, the meeting has been cancelled and was replaced with a virtual one that took place on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April 2020. During the meeting, the consortium discussed about:

- Project management and dissemination.
- The main outcomes of IO1.
- First steps and organization of IO2.
- Introduction and first steps of IO3 and IO4.



## **Online Meeting in July 2020**

On the 8<sup>th</sup> of July, 2020 the partners met online to discuss: i) the completion of IO2 and its final steps regarding translation in all partner languages, ii) the first steps of IO3 - EAST description



within the ECVET system - standard for continuous entrepreneurial qualification, and iii) the organisation of the 3<sup>rd</sup> partners' meeting that was scheduled to take place in Greece, in September 2020. The partners decided to postpone the meeting in light of uncertainty over the pandemic circumstances.

### Next steps

The partners are in the process of discussing, designing and planning IO3 “**EAST description within the ECVET system standard for continuous entrepreneurial qualification**” and IO4 “**EAST platform. A unique and innovative environment – a self-evaluation tool for entrepreneurs**”. To stay up-to-date with the project products' development, visit EAST's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/EASTProjectUE>) and website (<https://east.erasmus.site/>).

### Partnership

The partnership of the EAST project is comprised by a total of seven organisations from five European Countries:

- Asociación Valencia Inno Hub – **Spain** (coordinating organization)
- Akademia Humanistyczno-Ekonomiczna w Łodzi - **Poland**
- Center for Social Innovation CSI - **Cyprus**
- KENTRO EPAGELMATIKIS KATARTISIS DIAS EPE - **Greece**
- STOWARZYSZENIE CENTRUM WSPIERANIA EDUKACJI I PRZEDSIĘBIORCZOŚCI - **Poland**
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