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Name of the project: **MASTERS** - Make Apprenticeship attractive in European SMEs.

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General information about **MASTERS** project

MASTERS wants to promote apprenticeship in small and micro enterprises, developing and validating a set of practical and methodological tools to support the professional development of in-company tutors operating in SMEs, VET trainers and job counsellors, so as to allow them to implement efficient and high quality apprenticeship programs.

Current situation of the project

✓ **IO1 completed!** We have finished with the development of the Intellectual Output number 1 (IO1) entitled "In-depth analysis of WBL schemes at European level" which is available in our official website.

This report analyses the professional roles and challenges of apprenticeship schemes in Europe regarding policies, systems, competence standards and good practices. Partners from four European countries and regions took part in its creation, presenting the approaches of individual countries in this topic

Currently developing IO2 and IO3. We are currently developing two intellectual outputs. One called "Curriculum programme development for in-company tutors and SMEs involved in apprenticeship programmes" and the other, "Curriculum programme development for the Job counsellors/practitioners (public and private sector) involved in apprenticeship programmes".

A common curriculum programme for the professional development of each of the target groups (in-company tutors and job counsellors) will be designed, developed, and tested. These outputs have the objective of providing with the right skills/competences for managing and delivering high quality apprenticeships and developing new knowledge.

Second transnational meeting

Due to the COVID-19 situation, the partnership could not meet in person. As a team, we decided that we had to meet online to discuss about the current activities and the new steps of the project. The current situation is of uncertainty and we decided to wait before rescheduling the transnational meeting, to see how the pandemic develops. We presented IO2 and IO3 and each partner talked about their work in the development of these outputs.

Next steps

After the completion of IO2 and IO3, the next intellectual outputs will be developed. IO4 and IO5 include Self-Directed Learning Guides created from the key findings of Testing/Piloting of the Curriculum Programme of IO2 and IO3.

For the testing, both in-company tutors and job counsellors will make an assessment on its usefulness and provide any comments they may have.

The partnership

- Romanian National Council of Small and Medium Private Enterprises – Arad Branch, Romania (CNIPMMR ARAD) - *Project Coordinator*. 
- ERIFO VOCATIONAL EDUCATIONAL TRAINING (ERIFO) – Rome, Italy. 
- FYG Consultores (FYG) – Valencia, Spain. 
- Centre For Education And Entrepreneurship Support (CWEP) – Rzeszow, Poland 
- Istituto Istruzione Superiore Via Sarandì (I.I.S.)– Rome, Italy. 
- Rzeszow Regional Development Agency in Poland (RRDA)– Rzeszow, Poland 