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AKTOS project: Transfer and Dissemination of good practices models for professional training in the rural areas

The aim of this document is to inform permanently about the development of the project, about the activities that have been carried out from the beginning of the project, as well as about the planning of new activities and/or meetings.



REASONS FOR THE CREATION OF THE PROJECT:

It is a Leonardo da Vinci – Transfer of Innovation project, developed within the Lifelong Learning Programme and with a lifetime of 18 months.

It promotes the transfer of results of a previous project that were developed as Thematic Network within the Leonardo da Vinci Programme:

- **FONTES:** "Thematic network to validate and disseminate good practises and quality models of vocational training in rural areas".

The main result that will be transferred within the AKTOS project will be the Good Practises Guide of the previous FONTES project, that intends to inform the users target groups, about the employment possibilities generated by the different endogenous resources of the rural areas, which in many cases are not yet properly exploited.

OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT:

- To carry out the transfer of a tool that integrates innovative contents and results.
- To transfer these materials to rural communities in need of a specific training related to the exploitation of the endogenous resources.
- To adapt the contents to the needs and requirements of the different target groups.
- To carry out the transfer action to new socio-cultural and linguistic contexts.
- To promote the participation of companies, sectoral organisations and social partners related to vocational training and employment.
- To promote equal opportunities in the action areas of the project.





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TARGET GROUPS OF THE PROJECT:

The main target groups of the project are:

- Rural women.
- Non-qualified young people.
- Marginal groups.
- Disabled people.
- Social agents from the sector.
- Educational authorities.

PARTNERSHIP:

The Transnational Association includes 6 partners from 5 different countries:

- Rural Development Centre Valle del Eze-Entrecabos (La Espina-Spain)
- ADESPER – Association for Sustainable Development and Promotion of Rural Employment (León-Spain)
- Development Centre of Litija (Litija-Slovenia)
- Latvian Country Tourism Association (Riga-Latvia)
- Infocenter EOOD (Tryavna-Bulgaria)
- CFL - Centre for Flexible Learning (Södernhamn-Sweden)

FORESEEN RESULTS:

The main foreseen results of the AKTOS project are:

- Project final and assessment reports.
- 4 Transnational sessions with the participation of all the partners.
- 1 Website of the project.
- 4 Digital information panels.
- 2.400 Informative brochures of the project.
- 24 Dissemination actions and other publicity actions.
- 30 Collaboration agreements with educational authorities and social agents.
- 6 Testing actions developed in the action areas of the project.
- 1.800 copies of the Interactive Good Practice Guide that will be elaborated within the project lifetime.

I TRANSNATIONAL SESSION:

It took place the days 10th and 11th of November 2010 in Cudillero (Spain). This first working meeting was useful to organise a first contact between the partners. The promoter presented all the technical and economical aspects of the project, as well as the foreseen results and thus, the association start-up the project officially.



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AKTOS: Transferencia y Diseminación de modelos de buenas prácticas para la formación profesional en las áreas rurales.
 AKTOS: Transfer and dissemination of good practices models for professional training in the rural areas.

THE WOODY BIOMASS AS AN ALTERNATIVE SOURCE OF EMPLOYMENT IN THE RURAL WORLD.

The good practices and new professions guide in the rural world, the final result of a previous Leonardo da Vinci Project named FONTES, presents the woody biomass as a viable alternative to create employment in the rural areas in a short and medium-term future. It's a well known fact that this type of energy, environmental friendly and carbon neutral, is well developed in some countries, but it doesn't happen that way in Spain where, till now, it didn't have that use. A typical image of the forests after the cutting down was the appearance of abundant pieces of trees that were considered as non profitable, piling them up and setting them on fire in the same plot. This waste of resources forced the Rural Development Group "CEDER Valle del Eze-Entrecabos" to try to look for a solution since it was considered that not only energy was being wasted but also employment and added wealth for the rural zones.

With this purpose it organized a trip for the managers of small companies in the territory so they had the chance to travel to Austria, country with a lot of companies with wide experience in this business, and know more of it. The result of this visit was the creation of the first factory in the Principality of Asturias that transforms wood into pellets. As an immediate result, nine direct jobs have been created. Nonetheless, apart from the number of indirect jobs that will be created, this activity must also be considered as an important element to keep the people in the rural areas, since the abandonment of the farm activities is favouring that a lot grazing lands for the cattle are not being used anymore, fields that, with the favourable weather conditions of the Asturias region can be ideal to grow fast growing trees as a source of raw material to produce pellets, especially pine trees.

In this way, the use of a clean energy, an energy that the present-day society is demanding more and more, accomplishes objectives not only related to the generation of direct and indirect jobs, but also to the sustainable development of the rural world since it adds an extra wealth to their inhabitants, favouring the staying and/or the attraction of people.

It's a case that can be flawlessly used to disseminate the results of the Good Practices Guide of the FONTES project, since it shows the success of one or the proposals that were studied in this Guide.

