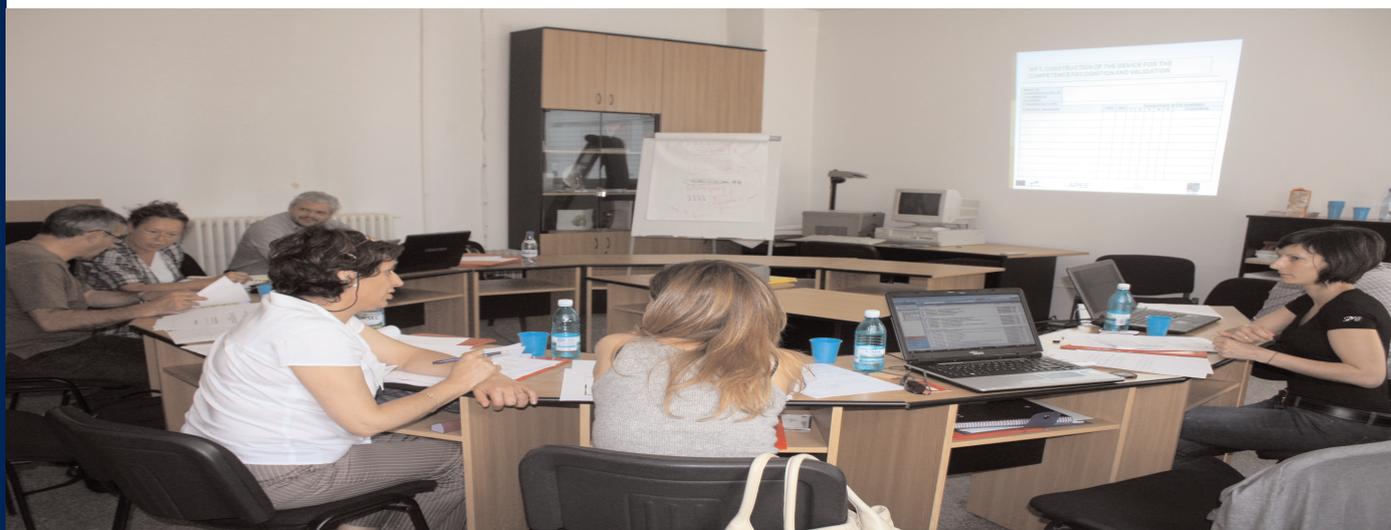


The recognition of key competences in the wood and furniture sector is closer to reality



On 4 and 5 June the fourth transnational meeting of Leonardo da Vinci project DYCOWFI was held in Bucharest. This project is aimed at developing a device for the Evaluation and Recognition of the key competences sensitive to changes for the workers in the wood and furniture sector. DYCOWFI project is based on the transfer of CHEMITECH Leonardo da Vinci project developed for the chemical sector.

The promoting organisation CONFEMADERA, as well as the partner organisations MCA-UGT, Sinergie (IT); ISE (RO) and GIP FCIP D'Aquitaine-Hemera Consultants (FR) attended the meeting as participants.

DYCOWFI project

DYCOWFI project works to create a device for the Evaluation and Recognition of key competences sensitive to changes in the Wood and Furniture sector, more concretely, regarding the competences linked to the key processes identified: MACHINING;

FINAL CONTROL AND PACKAGING; ASSEMBLY AND INSTALLATION OF FURNITURE; AND ELABORATION OF PLYWOOD; all this basing on the device created transnationally in CHEMITECH project; system for the Evaluation and Recognition in the Chemical Sector.

During the meeting held in Bucharest, we treated the following topics:

- Presentation of DYCOWFI device: Stages, Tools, Referents, Kinds of Evaluation, Use Manual.
- Description of the pilot test. Methodology to Experience the Device.
- Presentation of the CD Rom design.



Presentation of the recognition device

The meeting in Bucharest served to present the transnational device for the Evaluation and Recognition of competences with all the tools composing it. This meeting allowed analysing all the contributions, new tools or improvements previously identified by the partner organisations.

As a result of the joint work of the partnership, we got a valid and useful device for the companies in the sector interested in the recognition of the competences acquired through working experience by their workers. This device will mean a practical approach to the competence recognition. The designed tools can be adapted, by the interested companies, to other competences.

Experiencing the system for the evaluation, recognition and certification of competences

One of the key points in the final concretion of the device is its validation by the companies in the sector. The transnational meeting served to define in detail the pilot experience that will be carried out. It also made the partner organisations in the project describe the companies that are going to take part in these experiences.

All the countries pointed out a common aspect: the interest of wood and furniture sector companies in the project and its results; but it has been difficult to companies that are willing to carry out the pilot test due to the especial circumstances of the crisis.

Presentation of the CD ROM design

Once some recommendations to carry out external validation have been set, the following step was agreeing how to translate the System for the Competence Recognition to CD Rom format, to disseminate the results and products widely in the participant countries. All this should be done taking into account that there should be easy navigability and intuitive contents structure. In order to that, a design suggestion was presented and validated by the partner organisations after some improvement.

LAST TRANSNATIONAL MEETING: MADRID

The next and last transnational meeting of the project will be in Madrid on 3 December 2009.

Until then, the different external validations of the Device will be finished and the necessary improvements will be introduced. The contents will be translated into the languages of the partner countries: French, Romanian, Italian and Spanish. We also agreed to introduce an English version, common language internally used for the project development.

Partner organisations

