**WORK PACKAGE 4 – CAPACITY BUILDING**

**TEMPLATE FOR COLLECTION OF GOOD PRACTICES**

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| **Name of the best practice** | VET-TECHNOLOGY PARKS FORUM |
| **Country** | BASQUE COUNTRY (SPAIN) |
| **Description** | The FP-Technology Parks Forum is an initiative organized by the networks of VET Schools, Hetel and Ikaslan, and the Network of Technology Parks of the Basque Country.  This event brings together the VET Schools and leading technological companies with a double objective:   1. Present the attractiveness of Vocational Training to secondary and high school students who must choose their future studies. 2. Promote scientific and technological (STEAM) vocations among these students.   The event consists of two parts:  The first part takes place in the auditorium of the Technology Park. Through different round tables, VET students present their experience to secondary and high school students in aspects like:   * Dual Training * The connection of Vocational Training with Higher Education (University) * Entrepreneurship from VET * Mobility through Erasmus+ program in VET (students doing internships in companies in other European countries)   In the second part, high school students visit different companies in the Technology Park to learn about their activity and the tasks that employees who have studied VET do in the company. |
| **Target Group** | * Secondary and High School students * Technological Companies |
| **Who is involved? How were they motivated to participate?** | * **Secondary and High School students**. The motivation to encourage their participation is the possibility of knowing first-hand the job opportunities and professional growth offered by VET studies and the companies that carry out their activity in Basque Technology Parks. * **Technological Companies**. The way to promote their participation is to present them with the possibility of promoting the future scientific and technological vocations that they need to fill the jobs that they will generate in the coming years. |
| **Benefits** | Main benefits:   * To know the possibilities offered by Vocational Training Studies for the future professional and personal development of young people. * To visit leading technological companies in the economic sectors with better growth expectations in the Basque Country: Aeronautics, Engineering and Biosciences. * To promote the creation of specialized profiles. * To promote scientific and technological vocations among the youngest students. * To know job opportunities in technical professions. |
| **Challenges and how they were overcome** | * To achieve the participation of technological companies to visit them. To overcome this difficulty, we consider that it is a good idea to contact and get the collaboration of companies and organizations the VET School has a direct and close relationship with. Another option is to contact an association of companies (if possible). * To get VET students or former VET students to participate in the round tables. In this case, VET schools can help by proposing their students or former students. |
| **Step by step for the implementation of the good practice (transferability to other VET college)** | 1. Contact technological companies in order to collaborate in the event organizing student´s visits. 2. Contact secondary schools in order to get the groups of students that will participate in the event. 3. Definition of the round table´s topics. 4. Contacting VET students or former VET students to participate in the round tables. 5. Preparation of the script for the round tables. 6. Preparation of the event (date and schedule, event presenter, necessary means, buses to transport students, etc.). 7. Organization of visits to companies. |