



### Entrepreneurship, Growth Mindset & Resilience

The reality of owning and running your own business is that life can be unpredictable and the Entrepreneur has to have vision but also the agility, capability, tenacity and resilience to adapt to the many external and internal factors that impact on the grand plan or SMART Goals. Being resilient means managing the stresses as well as enjoying the successes.

The unpredictability of the Covid-19 pandemic has further highlighted the need for the transversal skills and qualities that Entrepreneurs need to survive. They need to be multi-skilled and have that 'can do' growth mindset and the ability to think outside the box to achieve a goal.

Building entrepreneurial competence is a key EU policy objective. It is a feature of the Strategic Framework for Education and Training and an element of many policy documents including the Green Paper on Entrepreneurship in Europe (EC, 2003), the Small Business Act for Europe (EC, 2008), the Communication on Rethinking Education (EC, 2012), the Entrepreneurship Action Plan 2020 (EC, 2013) and the New Skills Agenda for Europe (EC, 2016). The Council Recommendation on Key Competences (EC, 2018), confirms the importance of "promoting entrepreneurial mindsets" and encourages Member States to think about "nurturing entrepreneurship competence, creativity and the sense of initiative especially among young people".

In 2016, the European Commission launched EntreComp: the European Entrepreneurship

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need to be entrepreneurial and create financial, cultural or social value for others.

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> newsletter showcases some of the projects being carried out across the networks around the theme of entrepreneurship with more information shared during the upcoming webinar on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

### Our journey so far

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It has been a rollercoaster journey of energetic teamwork since the start of our project in November 2019. Our 5 networks, comprising of 49 VET colleges, are proud of the major milestones we reached so far. We continued our project without being daunted by the Covid-19 pandemic and Brexit. We focus on possibilities and finding the best alternatives for the physical project activities we had planned.

After more than one year working on the project we look back with satisfaction at the delivery of a list with 26 selected best practices. [Read more](#)



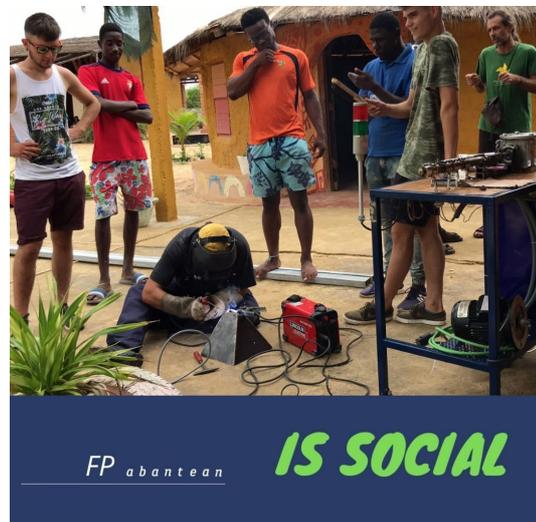
### Applying the Capacity Building Model within the

#### Network

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In the Working group of EU Skills week, members from the 5 regional VET Schools [networks](#) (The Dutch Alliance, Northern Ireland Colleges, Finn-net, Colleges of Scotland and HETEL) share different initiatives aimed at improving the image and visibility of the Vocational training.

In HETEL we selected the experience presented by Deltion College, [Walk of fame](#), to be implemented in our network. In this initiative successful Vocational Training students were the focus, and so, their images were placed on the website and on posters located in the aisles of the School....[Read more](#)



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The Faculty of Supported Learning within New College Lanarkshire provides educational programmes for a range of young people with additional support needs. Underpinning all of our curriculum planning is the national policy on Developing the Young Workforce. As part of this national agenda, we must ensure that our learners are developing both labour market skills and overall soft employability skills such as self-efficacy and self-awareness.

In support of the national agenda, and funded by the John Mather Trust, New College Lanarkshire runs an initiative titled “Market Day” which aims to help all budding entrepreneurs within our student body to...[Read more](#)



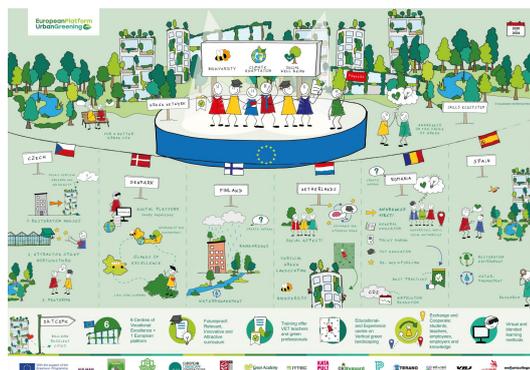
### Erasmus+ KA2 projects

Some information about Erasmus projects within the network

The skills set and role of VET teachers is being outpaced by developments of working life. Jobs and occupations are changing, and VET institutes need to embrace transformational change and be more flexible in their response to industry need....[Read more](#)

Wellant College, as part of The Dutch Alliance network, has embarked on yet another KA3 voyage in setting up a European Platform for Urban Greening with partners from Czechia, Denmark, Finland, the Netherlands, Romania, Spain and ELCA.

Setting up this network mirrors the challenges addressed in the KA3 project by the Network of Networks, as we are working on how to set up a sustainable online and offline network on a European level...[Read more](#)



### Wellant College tops ranking of sustainable VET schools in the Netherlands

Wellant College ranks as most sustainable VET school in the Netherlands. According to the annual SustainaBul ranking, a national competition to stimulate and inspire sustainable development in education, Wellantcollege leads the ranking for VET providers in 2020...[Read more](#)



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### Erasmus+ accreditation for TDA

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European recognition of the quality of international activities awarded

The National Agency in the Netherlands has granted an Erasmus+ accreditation for The Dutch Alliance (TDA). It's a European recognition of the high quality of our international activities.

Erasmus+ accreditations are now awarded for the first time. The Dutch Alliance network is among the first recipients of the new accreditations in February 2021...[Read more](#)

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**ENTREPRENEURSHIP & ENTERPRISE  
GROWTH MINDSET  
RESILIENCE  
WEBINAR**

**Save the Date  
Tuesday 23rd March  
2.00 - 3.30pm CET**

 Co-funded by the  
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We look forward to you joining on us for the NoN's next webinar with keynote speaker, Charles D.A Ruffolo – The NetworKing; Workshops on Impactful entrepreneurship, Go Meet or Escape Room and Expert panel discussion with experts from across the networks.

Invites to register for the webinar along with the agenda will be sent out next week, Tuesday 23rd March at 1400 - 1530 CET.

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