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This is the e-Newsletter of VINA Project where more information is provided for the progress of the project and workshops per partner/country that have been organised the last period.

### Meeting in Poland



On September 2018 from 24<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> the last progress meeting of VINA Project was organised in Gdansk in Poland. The meeting was hosted by IRSE our Polish partner for two working days. During the meeting the activities of the Project were discussed, the progress of Intellectual Outputs and more specific the improvements of VINA

Database platform and as well the ROTA analyser and its tools.

All partners expressed their opinions and conclusions and valuable feedback was provided. Also, all partners shared information on their multiplier events in their countries for VINA Project.

On the following sections the workshops held in each partner country will be described.



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## Multiplier Event in Italy (Palermo)

In the city of Palermo in Italy the final multiplier event has been organised on Tuesday, 9th October 2018 by EURO Association. The group was composed by teachers aimed at supporting their students during their informal and/or non-formal learning and students interested in the validation of their competences acquired through informal and/or non-formal learning. A total number of 73 people took part in the event.

The first part of the event has been focused on presenting the VINA project and its main outputs: the database and ROTA Analyzer while the second session was mainly focused on the use and functions of the outputs with a questions and answers session time. In the final session, some best practices about informal and non formal skills have been presented, together with a lecture about the future of the soft skills.

The overall feedback from participants has been positive: they were interested in exploring the database and the possibility to add new tools and gave a positive evaluation about the contents and the competence of the speakers.





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### **Multiplier Event in UK (University of Salford)**

On the 7th and 8th of November at University of Salford International, Manchester took place a final multiplier event about VINA project organised by European Learning Network. Target group included students, PhD students and University staff interested in informal and non-formal learning and possibilities of validating skills acquired via non-formal and informal learning. A total of 47 people attended the event.

During this presentation participants had a chance to learn about Erasmus+ programme and how European Union supports non-formal/informal education and possible ways of skills validation. The overall feedback was very positive – participants recognized VINA database as a very needful and helpful device and appreciated an option of adding new tools. They also expressed high interest in Erasmus+ programme in general and agreed with EU goal of raising the importance of skills acquired outside the formal education and the need of its validation.





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## Multiplier Event in Poland (Słupsk)

The VINA multiplier event took place on 18th of October during The Conference Equality in Education Challenges-Needs-Opportunities in Słupsk (Poland). The conference was attended by academics, lecturers, teachers, trainers, social activists and students.

The goals, partner organizations, target groups and tools created as a result of cooperation were presented through a multimedia presentation. In turn, the database of tools for informal and non-formal acquired skills and ROTA Analyzer was presented from the practical side, using the example of a particular tool search. What was emphasized during the presentation was the aspect of the need for tools to validate informal or formal learning.

The multiplier event finished with a short discussion and questions from the audience about the possibility of using the platform and plans or ideas for further development of the platform. In addition, participants of the conference received promotional materials about the VINA project.





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## Multiplier Events in Athens, Greece

Our partners from Greece, Electronic Compass organized three events in order to achieve the maximum impact in promoting the project in national and international level.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Event – August 2018



E-Compass organised the first workshop for VINA project on 1st of August 2018 in city centre of Athens with participants from educational sector mainly. More specific participants were representatives from University student community of Athens, local NGOs and VET schools' teachers and students.

During this first workshop participants had the chance to be informed on VINA project the main scope of the partnership, objectives and outputs as well. E-Compass staff presented the platform to participants and the functionalities so they could understand the innovative use of the project outputs. The participants used the database and the ROTA analyser.

Various opinions were recorded and expressed from the participants, the comments from the first use of platform were positive and a lot of the attendees express their interest to receive more information on the progress of the database and ROTA analyser. The workshop finished with a general discussion about the project and staff engaged to invite participants to second workshop as well so they can have an updated view of the platform use.



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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Event - August 2018

On the 30th of August 2018, Electronic Compass organized a workshop under the title “ICT and social media training for adult students”.

During the event, Erasmus+ projects related to the topic were presented and best practices were discussed. The participants, adult students and adult trainers of ICT and social media, had the opportunity to share experiences and lessons learnt from Greece and other European countries. The example of VINA project database, an open source one which provides to individuals and institutions easy access of a wide range of validation tools, information and projects focused on informal and non-formal learning was adduced to the audience.



The participants were demonstrated on how to use the Database and ROTA analyzer. Then participants navigated through the database from their laptops, mobile phones and tablets and provide us valuable feedback of our content and also on technical aspects such as navigation tips on mobile learning from various mobile devices.



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### 3<sup>rd</sup> Event – November 2018



E-Compass organised on 23<sup>rd</sup> of November 2018, workshop for VINA Project with main theme Non-formal skills & Non-formal education, ERASMUS + Program 2019 Networking. The workshop was held in central Hotel in Athens city centre (Oscar Hotel) with participants from Youth Organisations,

VET schools' teachers, NGO's representatives, students from Universities and Technical Institutions.

During the Workshop E-Compass presented to audience **VINA Project** concept, project objectives and outputs in order to give audience the opportunity to understand the main scope of the project. Also, was presented the Non-formal skills in general to audience and discussed the validation procedure in Greece. Various opinions were expressed from different aspects and points of view of participants.

In the second part of the Workshop E-Compass presented the platform to the





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audience and the tools. Participants, navigated to the platform with the use of the available computer in the workshop room.

At the end of the event all participants completed the evaluation form and provided to Organisers.

### Multiplier event in the Czech Republic (Prague)

The Multiplier event of the VINA project was organized on Tuesday, 20th November 2018, in Prague by the European Development Agency.

The event was open for public and the audience was composed by adults with and without university degree, students in their final year of studies and university absolvants planning to do some sort of validation of their informal or non-formal skills. In total, 30 people attended the event.

Firstly, there was a presentation about international projects in general, with an example of VINA project. The aims of the project and the partners were presented, the Database and the ROTA Analyzer were shown and explained to the participants. The participants were provided refreshment and soft drinks.



The overall feedback from the participants was positive, they asked a lot of questions, discussed the possibility of using the Database with us and most of them reported that they will use it in the future.





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