

LearnWithClay Partnership

Program: Leonardo da Vinci Partnerships

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Website for our project: www.earthbuilding.eu

Main aim: To deepen and extend the existing LearnWithClay partnership.

Description of the project:

The Partnership Project LearnWithClay in years 2010 - 2012 tested and evaluated the tools for ECVET Earth Building, focused on clay plaster, developed by the previous Leonardo Innovation Transfer Project and introduced it into two other countries: CZ and SK. The tools such as handbook with instructions, specified learning outcomes and criteria to help assess them were tried out and thus tested and evaluated within this project at ECVET exams run by the partners. Tests have been performed in 5 countries (DE, FR, UK, CZ, SK) and in different learning environments and for different target groups (trainees in initial training, trainees in continuous training and in adult education.)

Background:

In the previous project LearnWithClay transfer of innovation 2007-2009 the common rules and level of quality was set for ECVET for clay plastering on the basis of EQF and memorandum of understanding to implement ECVET was signed by the partners from 4 countries: DE, FR, BG, UK. The partners agreed to run courses to make evaluations, to accept the certificates awarded by other partners.

The results of the project:

Apart from better networking and increased quality of training and examination and its comparability thanks to ECVET there are product results of the project such as: Addendum to the existing ECVET Earth building handbook, with additional part with good practice in ECVET training and ECVET exams. Introduction to ECVET system was written in languages of the partners from Slovak and Czech Republics.

Result of the project is also in gaining the experience and implementation of ECVET into training. Trainers and assessors of the project partners from involved countries took advantage of intense exchange and could give support to each other, as how to best teach and assess by using the instruments worked out for the ECVET clay plaster training and exams.

Partners from Czech Republic, Slovakia and France gained experience applying ECVET for clay plastering in training and assessing and in return offered ECVET certificates at their own training centers.

Additional results:

Other additional results which proved to be important during the project are: development of the pool of questions for exams, which was set up and will be added after the end of the project as well as the common database which was started, but its form and functioning will be improved in other project or by other means. There was also need to find a way to

advertise ECVET courses and exams on the website of the project, so a unified form was created in all partner languages. As a result of the project, The Memorandum of understanding to implement ECVET was amended twice to include Czech, Slovak, new French and also Italian partners.

Dissemination and sustainability of the results:

The ECVET Earth building system has been disseminated in all the partner countries by different activities like presentation on web sites, conferences and press reports. The results of the project will be practically used by all the partners as they are inseparable part of the ECVET training and examination run by partner organizations. In this way the sustainability of the project results is naturally provided and unquestionable.



Photo: Partners of the project. Photo taken in the meeting in Germany.

Partners of the projects:

GERMANY: FAL e.V., BAUFACHFRAU Berlin e.V. (BFF), Berufliches Schulzentrum Leipziger Land (BSZLL), Lehmbaukontor Berlin Brandenburg e.V. (LBK), Knobelsdorff-Schule Oberstufen-zentrum Bautechnik I Berlin,

FRANCE: AsTerre Association nationale des professionnels de la terre crue, Centre de formation Batipole en Limouxin,

UK: Straw Works,

CZECH REP.: Sdružení hlineného stavitelství, o.s. (SHS),

SLOVAKIA: Občianske združenie HOBLINA t.c.

Silent partners:

SLOVAKIA: Architektúra pre trvalo usržateľný rozvoj - ArTUR

GERMANY: Technische Universität Dresden, Fakultät, Erziehungs-wissenschaften, Institut für berufliche Fachrichtungen, Handwerkskammer Schwerin
Berufsbildungs - und Technologie-zentrum

FRANCE: Association de formation professionnelle pour adultes (AFPA Toulouse),
LE GABION,

UK: ConstructionSkills, Strawbuild

LearnWithClay partnership project gave an opportunity for partners from France, Czech republic and Slovakia to understand, experience and apply the ECVET for clay plastering based on EQF, which was previously developed by the partners from Germany, France and UK. This partnership provided mutual support on how to integrate ECVET into courses, tests and programs and enabled to try assessment tools created in the previous project and improve them.

Successful meetings of the partnership:

One of the most important features of the meetings was the possibility to observe ECVET exams organized by partners, which helped partners to set comparable level of courses and ECVET exams. These ECVET exams were followed by feedback and evaluation by organizer and observing partners, which resulted into addendum to the handbook. Moreover, the partnership enabled the trainees of the partners to take exams abroad, with satisfactory results and good experience.

Partners' internal evaluation of the project showed overall satisfaction with content of meetings, practicing ECVET exams, number of meetings and excursions. Partners usually agreed on the content of the meeting, set the goals and expectations of it and then divided into working groups to work efficiently during the meeting.

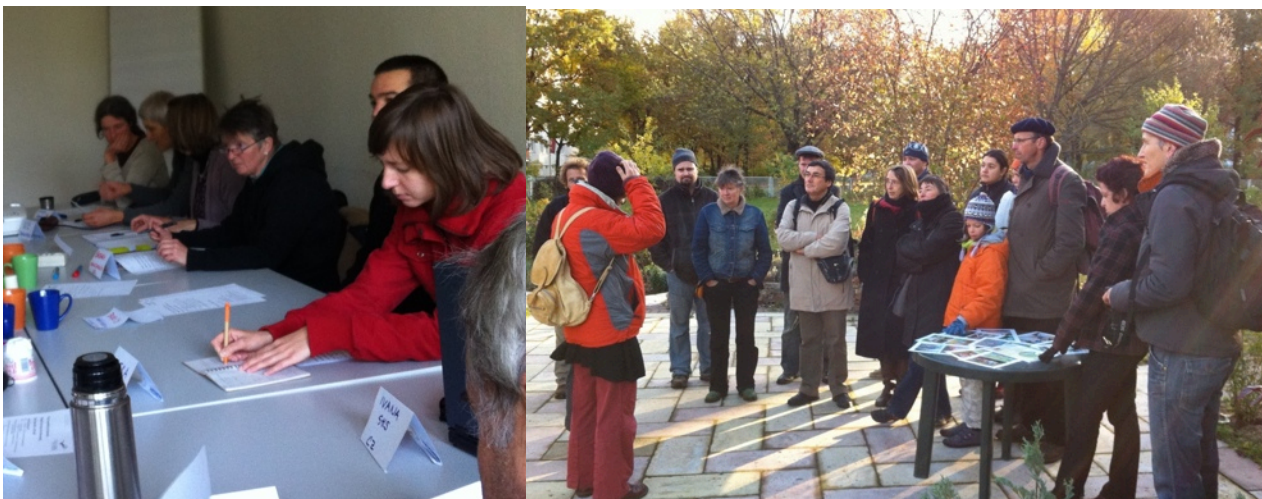


Photo: Meeting in Germany. Introduction of the project partners.

Meeting in Germany

Germany, Berlin DE, Haus der Demokratie, October 25th - 27th 2010
Organizer: FAL e.V., BAUFACHFRAU Berlin e.V. (BFF)

Meeting in France

France, Training center Batipole, Limoux, December 15th – 19th 2010
Organizer: Centre de formation Batipole en Limouxin,

Meeting in France

France, University of Toulouse and training center EEAM in Albi, March 30th – April 5th 2010
Organizer: AsTerre Association nationale des professionnels de la terre crue



Meeting in UK. Observing ECVET exams of clay plastering Unit 1 and 2. Participating as assessors and observers, evaluating and processing the feedback.

Meeting in UK

England, Todmorden, April 25th – 30th 2011

Organizer: Strawworks

Meeting in Czech Republic

Czech Republic, Hostim, June 17th - 19th 2011

Organizer: Sdružení hlineného stavitelství, o.s.



Meeting in Slovakia. Observing ECVET exams of clay plastering Unit 3 and participating as assessors and observers.

Meeting in Slovakia

Slovakia, Kvačany, September 1st - 5th 2011

Organizer: Hoblina t.c, ArTUR (silent partner), SK

Meeting in Germany

Germany, Wangelin, September 25th - October 2nd 2011

Organizer: FAL e.V.

Meeting in Slovakia

Slovakia, Senec, November 17th - 21st 2011

Organizer: Hoblina, ArTUR (silent partner) SK



Meeting in Germany. Observing ECVET exams of clay plastering Unit 1 and 2 and participating as assessors and observers.

Meeting in Germany

Germany, Groitzsch, February 8th – 13th 2012

Organizer: vocational school, BSZ Leipziger Land in Böhlen

Meeting in France

France, Villefontaine, Les Grands Ateliers, 29 may- 1 june 2012

organizer : AsTerre

Meeting in Germany

Germany, Berlin, Knobelsdorff-Schule, June 6th - 9th 2012

Organizer: Knobelsdorff-Schule Oberstufen-zentrum Bautechnik I Berlin

Meeting in Czech Republic

Czech Republic, Brno, 5th July 2012

Organizer: Sdružení hlineného stavitelství, o.s.

Meeting in Germany

Germany, Wangelin, 20th July 2012

Organizer: FAL e.V.

Meeting in Czech Republic

Czech Republic, Hostim, 28th July 2012

Organizer: Sdružení hlineného stavitelství, o.s.