

Virtual enterprise training (Vithalité) to facilitate access to employment

POLICY DEVELOPMENT

PRACTICAL MEASURE/INITIATIVE

 BELGIUM-DE

Timeline

2015 Completed

ID number 28003

Background

Professional experience alongside an education facilitates access to employment. Where there is lack of professional experience, however there are not enough real companies available, offering the possibility of training to gain this experience.

Objectives

Facilitating access to employment through a close-to-reality learning experience in a highly realistic training environment.

Description

In 2015, the CVET centre in Sankt Vith introduced the virtual enterprise *Vithalit* as a new learning scheme to allow a close-to-reality learning experience in a highly realistic training environment. From merchandise traffic to business relations, all procedures mirror commercial practice. The programme promotes integrated learning and aims at facilitating (re-)entry into employment. Since the launch of the programme, the trainees participated in various national and international fairs for virtual enterprises (such as the Belfair in March 2019). The virtual enterprise *Vithalit*, as a highly realistic training environment, fully supports key competences like learning-to-learn. As all procedures mirror commercial practice, entrepreneurship competences are also integrally stimulated.

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Bodies responsible

- CVET centre in Sankt Vith

Target group

Learners

Young people (15-29 years old)

Young people not in employment, education or training (NEETs)
Learners at risk of early leaving or/and early leavers
Adult learners
Unemployed and jobseekers
Persons in employment, including those at risk of unemployment

Thematic categories

Modernising VET offer and delivery

Acquiring key competences

Supporting lifelong learning culture and increasing participation

Providing for individuals' re- and upskilling needs

Ensuring equal opportunities and inclusiveness in education and training

Subsystem

CVET

Further reading

[Educational training company, Vithalité](#)

[Vithalité flyer](#)

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