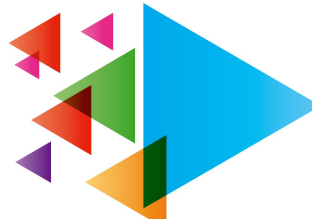


Enhancing European cooperation in VET

looking back – planning ahead



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Workshop 3:

VET and skills for the Green Deal and new digital age

Supporting teachers in digital distance learning

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1. Why digital skills are essential for teachers in our college?

- VET school needs to teach future skills – learners adaptable to changing work environment
- 250 teachers in the college, 70 learning outcome based curricula taught
- Prior to COVID19 crisis
 - Tartu VEC e-learning strategy
 - quality criteria for e-courses
 - subsidies to teachers for creating e-courses
 - E-learning days in academic calendar
 - weekly digital skills training for staff
 - digital competence model for teachers, we encourage teachers to use digital tools, recognition/award for teachers using digital tools
 - HITSA - Information Technology Foundation for Education national network educational technologists also offers trainings for teachers

2. How we support teachers for blended learning in our college

- Educational technologists – teachers who assist and train colleagues in using digital tools.
- Master teachers – pedagogical masters who mentor colleagues as well as participate in school strategic development
- CPD – training plan for staff development includes development of digital skills such as making video tutorials
- Curricula based Moodle Hubs - to bring together and organise e-learning content already created



3. What changed due to COVID19 crisis

Using different platforms

- Communication between teachers
 - weekly departmental meetings
 - online teachers lounge
- Communication between teachers and students
 - Learning information system (Siseveeb)
 - Google Meet/Google classroom
 - Sometimes too many channels
 - If all else fails – e-mail and phone calls

COVID19 accelerated our development

It brought out areas for improvement and highlighted that not everyone has the same capability. It also gave great success stories of conquering fear.



4. How do we see the future of blended learning in VET?

- Feedback from students largely positive
- 2 weeks of digital distance learning planned for academic year 20/21
- Working group for online-course and e-learning materials development set up. The school is reviewing the e-learning strategy for creating and delivering online training
- Opened up discussion - digital is not always distance
- New curricula modules being developed for teaching digital skills
Ex. social media use for sales and marketing in different professions.