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## REGIONAL APPROACH TO INNOVATION FOR VET AND LEARNING COMMUNITIES

### SOME INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROJECT

- Project led by IKASLAN
- Partners from Sweden, Poland, Rumania, Denmark, Wales, UK, Belgium, Tuscany, Turkey, Quebec, China and Basque Country.
- Project Life: January 2012 to December 2014
- Project financed by the European Commission with 557.849 euros
- Meetings of the project:
  1. **Kick Off meeting.** Basque Country. January 2012
  2. **Quality Management Meeting.** Rumania. June 2012
  3. **End of WP7 and beginning of WP8.** Sweden. October 2012
  4. **QMT and WP8.** Wales. February 2013
  5. **QMT WP 8 and WP9.** Poland. October 2013
  6. **WP10.** Denmark. January 2014
  7. **QMT and WP8.** Italy. June 2014
  8. **Final Conference.** Basque Country. December 2014

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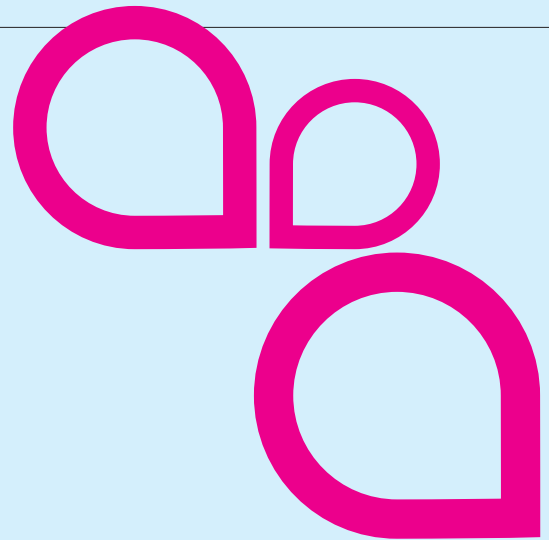
The RAINOVA project follows the general aim of encouraging development of innovation systems for the regions represented by the project partners. In order to achieve this aim, firstly we will need to analyse the role played by educational institutions in the innovation system, particularly those working in the field of Vocational Training. So, the study of the different regional innovation systems represents one of the objectives of this project, tackling relations between the different agents within them and how they participate in the innovating process.

In the same way, after having analysed the different innovation systems regionally, the project will tackle the challenge of proposing an innovation management model that can be used by any of the agents in these systems, adapting as necessary. This will create a shared vision of the innovating process, in terms of organisations and as a regional system. Finally, the management model will be piloted with a small number of organisations – VET institutions, companies and research organisations.

The results of the regional studies and the piloting of the innovation management model will allow project partners to propose initiatives that will work with their respective systems. In order to guarantee shared learning between the different regions and their respective systems, creating a network of regional innovation systems is proposed, encouraging its development and evolution.

**Description:  
The project will develop in 5 key phases:**

1. Studying the situation of regional innovation systems
2. Designing an Innovation Management Model
3. Drawing up action plans for the Regional Innovation Systems
4. Piloting the Innovation Management Model



**Phase 1:**

Researching the different innovation systems that exist in each region represented in the project.. Each regional study will identify strengths and weaknesses in each innovation system. A situation report will then guide decisions by regional governments and agents. The study will give insights into other worlds and best practices developed in other regions and carry out an inter-regional analysis on the most significant shortfalls in the regional innovation system, facilitating and focussing common work on common problems.

**Phase 2:**

Designing an Innovation Management Model (IMM) that will enable adaptations and ensure that the challenge of innovation is tackled in a more coordinated, intelligent way. It will aim to systematically manage different phases of the innovation process and to allow different agents and regions to generate an organisational/regional context that encourages innovation. Thus the innovation management model to be developed by the project partners will address not only the systematic part of innovation (macro-process of innovation) but also the context/environment part that brings about the innovation (culture for innovation).

**Phase 3:**

Drawing up action plans for the regional innovation systems. Taking into account both the results obtained in the first phase "Situation study of regional innovation systems" and those from the second phase "Design of an innovation management model", proposals will be drawn up for intervention plans aiming to complete and/or improve the different regional innovation systems. These plans will consist of completely or partially applying the innovation model to the regional innovation system.

**Phase 4:**

Piloting the Innovation Management Model in the 4 regions of Tuscany, Basque, Wales and Syddanmark but also in Quebec and China in a sector in innovative technologies.

**Phase 5:**

Creating the "Regional Innovation Systems Network". The targets would be:

Supporting and monitoring the progress and development of each of the regions in applying the innovation management model designed in phase 2. Monitoring execution of intervention plans designed in phase 3. Guaranteeing the systematic improvement of the designed innovation management model. Favouring cooperation between different regions. Facilitating future studies regarding the regional innovation systems. Being a source of guidance and inspiration for all agents participating in the regional innovation systems.