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IBM+

(Innovative training and new Business opportunities in the energy Market)

On May 2016 30th and 31th the third meeting of the Steering Committee of the Erasmus+ project “IBM” took place at the premises of Developmental Centre of Thessaly in Trikala Greece. At least one representative from each partner attended to the meeting.

This third meetings main aim was to evaluate all project activities and deliverables obtained during the past period. The main points were:

- The importance of the communication and Dissemination activities during the project life time
- A review of the results obtained from IO1 – need analysis in all partner’s countries and their accordance with the IO2.
- The confirmation of concept and contents of the multiplier events of the project

- Design and identification of the training material in terms of contents, format etc
- The feedback from the Spanish National Agency regarding midterm evaluation report





NEXT STEPS

Having already completed the first two intellectual outputs, the partnership is going to focus on the last outputs of the project during the last year of its duration.

Specifically all partners will coordinate their efforts and focus on the third output, IO3, regarding the development of training material. This material will be developed taking into account the results from IO1 and IO2. All partners will have an active role in this activity which is coordinated by AKETH. Moreover the training topics will mainly be derived from the final report of IO2.

The Partnership is also going to focus on the organization of the Multiplier Events during the next months on each partner's country. The target group of these events will be composed mainly from: stakeholders, Energy Entities, VET entities, Students, Engineers etc.

THE PROJECT

In a globalized and dynamic world, businesses need to adapt quickly to changes to survive. Companies must keep abreast with changing environmental conditions. They must stay informed as to how those changes will affect their business and be able to define new products and services that meet the evolving needs of markets.

The value chain of the energy sector is currently facing a paradigm shift that will lead to the emergence of many needs that will be a source of new business ideas for companies able to identify and develop them.

Companies that are already in the sector attempt to align their business models to be as efficient as possible. They move in a known and relatively predictable space based on their experience, knowledge of their customer and their value proposal. However, they are not able to adapt quickly to changes that the energy sector is already suffering from and to the new market trends.



The IBM+ project aims to select adapt, develop and facilitate the necessary knowledge, tools and methods to train energy sector agents in the use of innovative techniques for the design and development of NEW BUSINESS MODELS within the energy sector. It aims to demonstrate how companies can act both proactively and with agility in order to be able to offer new products/services adapted to the market and system changes and the customer requirements.

The **IBM+** project main goals are:

1. The provision and advisement on key competences to the energy sector agents.
2. The promotion of entrepreneurial experiences within the energy sector.
3. The promotion of the development of innovative learning methods, open educational resources and flexible learning.
4. To facilitate the validation of formal and non-formal learning in order to increase the permeability of educational pathways.
5. The promotion of education and training that is aligned to the market needs.





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The IBM+ project has been approved in the framework of the Erasmus+ Programme within the key action 2: Strategic Partnerships in the field of adult education. The project focuses on the development of an innovative training plan in order to improve the skills of energy entrepreneurs in the design of their businesses.



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