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ProNetworks:

Supporting inter-sectoral networks in the integration of university drop-outs into vocational education and training

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Welcome to the first newsletter of the project *ProNetworks*. At this point, we will inform you about new developments in the project and draw attention to project events. We would be delighted if you would send this newsletter to interested colleagues in the education and career advise!

Best regards Your *ProNetwork*s team

Brief overview of the project

An online tool is being developed for the target group "University drop-outs from the group of information and communication technology (ICT)". It enables the documentation of the learning achievements from the studies as well as the documentation of competencies from informal and non-formal learning. The tool is supplemented by the possibility to create an activity portfolio based on the Holland-typology (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Holland_Codes). After the assessment, ICT training courses will be displayed to suit the activity profile. The results of the online tool can be printed and further used in a consulting process.

Furthermore, the *ProNetworks* project has two main objectives at European level: On the one hand, in the context of a mobile European labor market, a higher permeability of the education systems is to be achieved and on the other hand the formation of a "European Area of Skills and Qualifications".









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Results of the multiplier events

In the partner institutions, several multipliers have already carried out events in which the online tool and the website were presented. The online tool is intended to provide the partner countries' counseling facilities with a tool that supports the advisory process of the university drop-outs in ICT related studies. To further improve the tool, experts have been invited to multiplier events throughout the partner countries. On the basis of specific questions, the multipliers were able to give their assessment of the tool. These experiences of counselors are very important for us to improve the usability of the tool and to make it attractive for the target group. There were a lot of good ideas that help us to make the tool even better and more appealing to the target group: suggestions were made especially with regard to the user-friendliness of the tool as well as substantive supplements. The reference to further information on the respective training trades in order to further improve the benefit to the target group. In addition, possibilities for the dissemination / promotion of the tool were discussed.

We would like to thank you for the constructive feedback and your suggestions and will integrate it into the further development of the online tool.

Development level online tool and website

The online tool has now been moved to an new server and could be accessed at the following address:

http://onlinetool.university-dropout.com

We would like to invite you to register as a user and to test the tool extensively. We appreciate your feedback!.

We would also be pleased if you would like to forward the tool to the following users:

- Students university drop-outs
- Advising clients
- People in the IT sector, who want to develop their career

Thank you very much in advance!

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