

S U S T E I N EU



A LIFELONG DIGITAL PORTFOLIO

Validate and secure your personal data and progress in order to better participate at the labor market or enter a vocational education.



Cozima

Competenties zichtbaar maken / make competences visible

In September 2015 seven organisations/schools from the Netherlands, Belgium and Germany started this international project. Our aim was to develop a lifelong digital portfolio for students/young adults to better participate at the labor market or enter a vocational education.

Young adults in a vulnerable position often leave education without a diploma. Due to negative experiences they are strengthened in the conviction that they are a failure for not having a professional qualification. This project will focus on the capabilities of these young adults by focusing on the development of a portfolio approach.

By using an ECVET methodology it will be possible to highlight the competences and skills of these young adults on the EQF level 1 and 2. This will enable them to progress to professional education (VET), and support them towards the labor market. Next to that they will be able to get a degree in the future by participating in a life-long-learning program.

In 2018 the program was successfully finished and the portfolio was implemented at the different schools.

Who participated ?

The COZIMA partnership consisted of 7 partners from three European countries; The Netherlands, Belgium and Germany. The partners are operating in regular, special, secondary or professional education, regional school administration and an association for special education. The schools were selected based on their particular expertise. The association and regional school administration guaranteed expert supervision on the project.

In the project Cozima the following tools have been developed:

- A website with information on composition and use of the portfolio;
- A Portfolio app for use on tablets and smartphones
- A manual for users of the portfolio

SUSTEIN

Supporting Students in Education and Information Network

As three partners thought there was room for even a better portfolio and as we want to introduce the system in other European countries a new project has been applied for. This resulted in SUSTEIN. With this project new partners from French, Italy and Lithuania entered.

First step in this project is to get the new partners familiar with the ePortfolio and adapt it to their needs.

The second step is to get employers involved. Employers will be asked for their needs/wishes to assist the vulnerable students better during their internships. These needs will be adapted in the portfolio so that the experiences and progress the students make are being secured.

Life Long Learning

The base of both projects is a program for a Life Long Learning, a digital ePortfolio.

Young people can work on validated evidence of professionalism. They will be working on the following priorities of European programs:

- Access to the labour market for disadvantaged groups with disabilities and special needs.
- Prevention of early school drop-out and truancy.
- Going beyond the school and building on an international collaboration to develop the necessary tools and methods, suitable for vulnerable youth to improve their learning-, professional- and job opportunities

Interested?

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