



News from ECQA®



Season's Greetings

flavoured with some News for you

Our last ECQA® Newsletter this year comes with our best wishes for you to have a safe, healthy and happy holiday and a prosperous New Year!

**Medical Spice certified by ECQA
GmbH**



As the contract is signed, we are very happy to announce that ECQA GmbH will start certifying “Medical SPICE” for VDI in 2023. With this, ECQA GmbH will be responsible for training provider and assessor certification, in cooperation with VDI. The exams for Assessor certifications will be held within the ECQA GmbH platform. The registration of Assessor data will be hosted on the ECQA GmbH Web platform in our community builder, visible for registered users only. We are very much looking forward to a long-lasting cooperation.

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Project Edrivetour with 3rd round of exams in the ECQA GmbH platform



As the end of the project approaches, the third round of exams were being held in Greece, Romania and Poland. 30 Students checked their learning skills and knowledge within the exam platform.

The innovative curriculum comprises of interactive teaching methods & partnerships with expert academic & industrial organizations in order to give to the students a solid background for starting a fruitful career in the industry. The course duration is 8 months, plus a 14-day industrial experience, a month after the end of the teaching period.

During the execution of the course, 3 mobility periods are programmed. For the first 2 (14-day) periods, the students & educators from two universities travelled to the third to participate in the large scale laboratories. Although the course is taught in English, local language lessons are provided to enable the participants to immerge in the local culture during the exchange periods. The course is open for participation for anyone with a basic electrical or mechanical technical background. Priority is given according to their academic performance & in the case of equivalent academic level then participants from less advantaged socio-economic backgrounds (including refugees, asylum seekers & migrants) are preferred. In the

third period, all participating students will be spread to the partner - companies in order to perform a 14-day internship focused on electric vehicle technology. Thus, having completed all four periods of training, participating students will have gained significant theoretical knowledge on electric vehicle technology but most of all will have acquired significant practical experience, valuable for meeting the requirements of an emerging market.

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Project VirtEDU



The latest project, in which we have gotten the chance to participate in, officially kicked off on Dec 9th in Timisoara. The goal of the project is to develop a remote education/management methodology, certification system and a training course (a MOOC) for remote educators, edu. managers & support staff. The purpose is to boost the EU's digital transformation, improve the digital readiness of the EU to be more resilient to the crippling effects of pandemics and similar unexpected events, with live collaboration, education and work. We look forward to a successful collaboration!

Project CHAISE



The CHAISE project is advancing as planned and we have celebrated 2 years of working together at the last virtual partnership meeting at the end of November.



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Project Smartsea



The SMARTSEA project has officially concluded with a total of 22 students graduating the developed course. The program was held for 2 semesters, including an 8 week mobility period at the end of the program, where students got the chance to apply their knowledge. The course was open for participation for anyone with a basic maritime, electronic, electrical, computer or mechanical technical background, such as university students that have completed a suitable bachelor's degree or professionals with equivalent or higher (5 years minimum) working experience. It was a pleasure being a part of developing the course, teaching lessons and we thank all partners for a very successful collaboration.

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Project sLOG 4.0



In September, we had the official virtual kickoff for the Sustainable Logistics 4.0 project with the main objective being to increase the adoption of sustainable and digital practices in the logistics sector. Further, it aims to improve the HEI training offer in the field of logistic 4.0 by developing a new interdisciplinary curriculum and to increase awareness and visibility of logistics as an actor with a major impact on greenness and sustainability of supply chains among business people and in the society. We are thrilled to be part of this project!

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Project Inceas -Workshop



Inceas hosted an interactive workshop at the Hofburg in Vienna on November 25th, with lots of interesting inputs



FLIP2 - INCREAS opens new doors

The FLIP2 Pilot project INCREAS is going into extension to compensate

for the setbacks of the Covid19 pandemic. In addition to the 50 or so workshops already held, 5 conferences - often spontaneously scheduled as needed - will be held in the last quarter of 2022 and the first months of the new year. These conferences refer to previous workshops, sub-projects' outcomes and specific built Cultural Heritage topics, and aim for a much higher visibility of the sub-sector's specifics. It never ceases to amaze, that in the field of built Cultural Heritage, and in particular of endangered building crafts, there is almost no scientific research. INCREAS, among others, has set itself the goal of changing this. In the activities of the Pact for Skills, traditional building trades also tend to fall through the grate: one factor is that they are assigned to the Construction Sector, but do not meet the modern requirements there or have other needs. The fact that these trades are currently not assigned to CCIs or not being represented there, which was one of the main reasons for submitting the INCREAS project in the first place, is the other factor that makes traditional trades the most neglected part of the sector, so to speak. Through active networking and numerous events, it was possible to initiate a change in thinking that will bear fruit in the medium and long term. This became particularly clear in workshops and conferences on the "ESCO Portal" in cooperation with FLIP3 and "Skills at Risk", which directly addressed these issues. INCREAS also participated in the event "Pact for Skills: Developing regional partnerships - Good practices from CoVEs, Cluster platform and 35 regions" on 4 October 2022 and "Pact for Skills: Synergies for skills partnerships under the Pact" on 12 December 2022. Thus, regional partnerships will be envisaged in the future to strengthen the sub-sector. A major INCREAS closing event in Brussels will present the main findings and next steps to an international audience. Details on the exact date will be available [here](#) in January 2023.

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Project Skills for cities



The S4C project is in its final sprint, concluding in January 2023. The project was able to develop a toolkit for a smart city competence framework, a curriculum, and a self-assessment, hosted by the ECQA's GmbH exam platform, for the three respective job roles: Smart City Project Manager, Smart City Developer and Smart City Consultant. We

thank all partners for their great work and assistance.

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Project VI - TRAIN

VI-TRAIN

Online/digital, or rather virtual training is still new ground for many people. However, if someone has dealt with it, the innovative project of BHOe nevertheless holds surprises: Simply because VI-TRAIN addresses the training needs of built cultural heritage. The participants of the Multiplier Event in Budapest on 22 September 2022 and the opening of the House of Digitisation in Lower Austria on 29 September 2022 were also amazed by the very practical approach that the project offers. Normally, one would rather think of a digital museum or something similar. VI-TRAIN, however, develops very concrete scenarios - or elements - of how building trade activities in Cultural Heritage can be trained virtually. The Erasmus+ project VI-TRAIN is all about training for traditional/threatened trades and dealing with structural damage to historic buildings. There are no Best Practice examples for the special requirements of virtual training in traditional trades, which means that the VI-TRAIN partners are creating them first time. The consortium is currently deciding which trades are best suited for such Best Practice examples, what equipment is needed for those and where these trainings logically should take place. Special attention will be paid to economic and ecological planning as well as appropriate cooperation partners. Networking meetings in September and October 2022 as part of the Pact for Skills were suitable platforms for an intensive exchange of ideas.

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The European Heritage Academy - celebrates 5 years!

In autumn 2017, the first Erasmus+ project of the BHOe was completed and a solution for the implementation of the developed courses was sought. The answer was the foundation of The European Heritage Academy/EHA in December 2017. And that happened a whole five years, numerous course events and new projects ago! Therefore, on 22 March 2023, Charterhouse Mauerbach will host an anniversary celebration to mark the fifth anniversary of EHA. The newly developed courses of "Energy Expert" and "Digital Expert" from the projects PRO-Heritage and INCREAS, which will go into regular operation during 2023, will also be celebrated. This will be followed in 2024 by the training of "Virtual Building Damage Inspector" from VI-TRAIN. You can find the precise dates [here](#).

Thus, from autumn 2022, The European Heritage Academy is offering certified further training in the field of historic buildings in the areas of maintenance, digitisation and energy efficiency - for interested parties/specialists from all over Europe. In the future, EHA will be an essential component of the planned EU Competence Centres, the prototype of which is emerging in Mauerbach as part of the FLIP2 Pilot project INCREAS.

EHA, as the Academy is called for short, is operated by Burghauptmannschaft Österreich (BHÖ) and Federal Monuments Authority Austria (BDA).

UBW Unternehmensberatung Wagenhofer GmbH provides qualified trainers.

EHA courses together with e-learning form the basis for certification through [ECQA - European Certification and Qualification Association](#)

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