

Template 1: Favourable conditions in the country for ECVET implementation

Organization (full legal name):	Vilnius Tourism and Commerce School
Country:	Lithuania

Favourable conditions in the country that can contribute to the implementation of ECVET's principals	
Examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - National policies that facilitate the implementation of ECVET principles; - Reforms of the national VET system; - New regulations that aim to introduce elements supportive of ECVET; - Aspects of the national VET system that are in line with the ECVET philosophy; - Alignment between EQF / NQF; - Indications of ECVET trials for internal use. 	<p>Since 01-01-2015 Education Exchanges Support Foundation (Lithuanian national agency for Erasmus + projects) together with the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Lithuania have been carrying on the project named 'ECVET team'. There are 7 national experts. The goals of ECVET team are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -to raise awareness about the ECVET application and benefits among vocational training providers and other stakeholders; -to cooperate with national authorities and other stakeholders in order to influence the development of the political system through ECVET in Lithuania; -to deepen the knowledge of the ECVET implementation. <p>Currently in Lithuania there are 74 vocational education institutions, offering over 200 different training programs. In the future the number of schools is going to decrease as more schools are going to be merged into larger vocational training centres. Even if the number of students in general is decreasing, the number of IVT learners is constantly growing.</p> <p>In the next 2 years, some innovations will be introduced – there will be more opportunities for vocational training in the workplace, a wider choice of apprenticeship, learning modules - will make vocational training more flexible in responding to both employers and those seeking to acquire profession needs. VET organized in a modular way will allow learners as soon as possible to obtain individual professional competence. From now on it won't be necessary to learn the full programme consistently, it will be possible to reach qualification learning the individual modules. This will enable faster integration into the labour market, and then return to school to learn new professional competencies.</p>
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