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Lever up

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Are you:		Who wants to:
an employer	→	understand and nurture the transversal competencies of your current and future staff?
a policymaker	→	search tools that can support the implementation of the 2012 Council Recommendation?
a volunteer	→	be able to demonstrate your transversal competencies to an employer, prospective employer or education institution?
a VET provider	→	provide learners with opportunities to improve transversal competencies?
a school	→	facilitate a learner's transition between different education and training pathways?
an employer	→	find meaningful experiences for your employees to ripen soft skills instead of the traditional classroom training?

LEVER UP intends to exploit the legacy of a first project, LEVER, developing results and products in terms of visibility, diffusion and scalability. The purpose is to raise the LEVER UP to a full-scale service, strongly integrated into the triple system that includes volunteering, vocational training and the labour market.
The Lever Up model includes operative resources to carry out the validation process (identification/documentation/assessment/certification):

- The webtool, a key instrument of the Lever Up process engaging key actors necessary

for the validation process such as: tutors, assessors and individual citizens such as volunteers who would like their transversal competencies to be validated.
- The validation centers which are organizations that use the Lever model that can be contacted for information.

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From LEVER to LEVER UP

Since the Lever Up project kick off, the design and implementation activities concerning the Lever system have started up once again! Phase 1 of the Lever project ended in December 2016 and the first nine months of 2017 have seen a going-on activity especially in the assessor and tutor training in Poland and in starting competence evaluations with volunteers in North of Italy and Spain. The start of the new project LEVER UP (September 2017 – November 2019) has given a new impulse to the activities in all the project countries: Italy, Spain, Poland, The Netherland and now also Belgium.

The main focus is on:

- Improving the Model to get a more user-friendly reference frame for transversal competences with clearer links to the European mobility tools such as the EQF (European Qualification Framework), the ECVET (European Credits for Vocational Education and Training) and EUROPASS.
- Spreading it across Europe and among European stakeholders (Volunteering, VET and labor market)
- Developing a sistem of competence validation according to the Lever approach to set up an operative Service Centre a reference point for the Lever system.

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Milestones along the LEVER UP timeline

The project plans five main milestones and important steps for potential users and interested stakeholders.

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Project partners

The project has nine international partners from Italy, Belgium, Poland, Spain and the Netherlands. They represents the main stakeholder groups of interest for LEVER UP:

- volunteering; civic service;
- vocational training;
- labour market and enterprises

Since the first project, they form a close and harmonious group that intends to establish a stable and active partnership over time, devoted to the LEVER UP Service across Europe.

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Meetings and events

The LEVER UP plans four transnational project meetings along the 2-year long lifespan. They will be in Belgium, Spain and Poland. In some of them, external participants will be invited for specific focus group activities and follow up sessions on the intermediate project results. The past transnational project meeting was held in Brussels on April 9-11. The first Belgian Multiplier Event was jointly held at the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) with the participation of policy makers from the European Parliament, the Lombardy Region delegation in Brussels as well as from the board of the European Youth Forum and of the LLL Platform.
A LEVERUP delegation also joint the EQF Conference on March 15-16 in Brussels for celebrating the first 10 years of the framework. It was a great event to get acquainted with the national frameworks across Europe and to discuss with national officers and project leaders in interactive workshops. Main topics were the various models, the solutions that refer to the European Qualification Framework as well as the implications and the impacts that they may have on the LifeLongLearning actions, the labour market and the cross-border mobility.

Project partners will organise local multiplier events in Spring 2018. Keep yourself updated with the event calendar!

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Testimonials

Listen to the project partners' expectations! You might be the next LEVER testimonial!

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