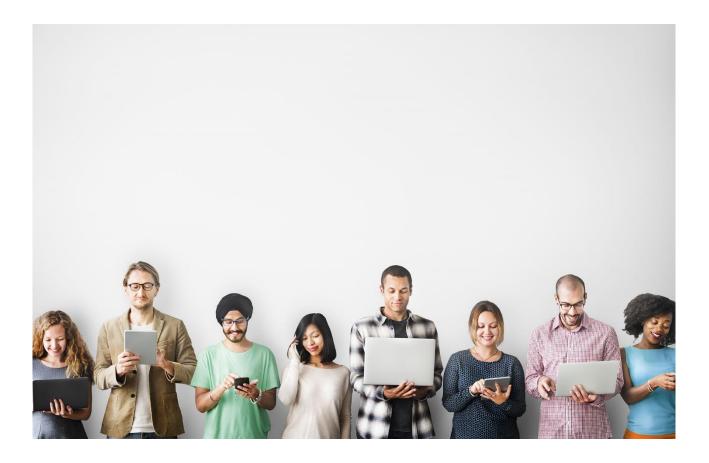


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# **Piloting Phase**



Lever Up is a multi-sectoral tool for the validation of transversal competences acquired in nonformal/informal learning. The piloting phase allows for participation in a variety of roles from different sectors and fields.

**Candidates** of the Lever Up process, are people who want to have their soft and transversal competencies acquired while volunteering, validated. Students or others who have acquired competences in ways other than through volunteering can also benefit from Lever Up in some cases. Candidates may access Lever Up through their employer, a civil society organisation or VET or other educational or public institution.

**The tutor** has the role of a guide through the LEVER Up process. He-she will help the candidates in identifying what competences they have acquired through past experiences and how they can be demonstrated

**The assessor** focuses on carrying out the formal evaluation of the volunteer's competences. This task is based on the portfolio assessment. S/He can also contribute in designing together with the candidate and the tutor a personal development plan.

Engagement with Lever Up provides a number of advantages:

**Employers**: Employees engage with the volunteering sector as volunteer mentors/tutors or assessors for LeverUp. Employees are enabled to volunteer as a way to increase their transversal competency levels and experience as part of HR development strategy.

**Volunteering/NFIL**: Develop partnerships with employers in order to make LeverUP available to their volunteers. Develop partnerships with VET providers to enable students to volunteer and have the possibility to increase their transversal competency levels and experience. Encourage volunteers to engage in VET relevant to skills and competencies used and developed whilst volunteering and so increase their employability.

**VET**: After assessment of Transversal competencies using LeverUP students can be assisted in identifying suitable volunteering placements that will give the possibility to increase their transversal competency levels and experience. Use LeverUP as a way to demonstrate transversal skills of VET students to existing and potential employers



#### **LEVER UP** Training Figures and training steps



Lever Up offers three e-learning courses for the 3 figures : Trainers, Assessors and Tutors, who will support the candidate towards the validation process.

The courses are structured in five modules and are characterized by a blended-learning methodology which includes both self-training and face- to -face training. Each module consists of PowerPoint presentations, videos, other materials and a final self-assessment test. The length of each course is approximately 20 hours and should be completed in around two months.

A Badge will be issued upon completion of the course.



### **VPL Biennale in Berlin and Lever Up participation**

On May 7-8 some project partners, attended the 3rd Validation of Prior Learning Biennale with the motto "Making policy work – Validation of Prior Learning for education and the labor market" in Berlin. The event brought together different stakeholders to share their knowledge, practices, ideas and visions on VPL.

On that occasion the LEVER UP Project and the LEVER UP Model was shared and discussed as a best practice for validation of transversal skills and competencies.



#### **Meeting and events**

Many events have taken place in the Netherlands, hosted by the Dutch project partners VPL. The event was attended by who different stakeholders and helped in extended the LEVER UP network. Other Italian and Polish partners contributed in spreading the LEVER UP model and the training developed during the project.

The third transnational progress meeting was held in Madrid from 20 to 22 May, 2019. It involved all the partners, who took stock of the progress made so far and discussed about further steps.

The LEVER UP final project meeting and the LEVER UP International Conference will be held in Brussels on November 19-21.

Save the date in your calendar!







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