



## Validation of Service related Learning Outcomes with an IT based Assessment and Evidencing System

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### What is VITA?

VITA is a European GRUNDTVIG project funded by the European Commission under the Lifelong Learning Programme and deals with validating social, personal and organisational competences that are essential for the challenges of the European service economy.

Currently, the VITA partnership is organising a European competition, where innovative practice and initiatives on validating competences in informal and non-formal learning in Europe will be awarded. We are looking for innovative learning projects in all educational fields that promote the development of personal, social and organisational competences in an innovative way and include practical cases or at least ideas on how learning outcomes and competence developments within this specific competence area can be assessed and evidenced also beyond the walls of formal education.

The best ten projects will be chosen by an international jury and the winners will be invited to an award ceremony in Dublin in October 2013

## La VITA è bella

VITA award for innovative practice and initiatives on validating competences in informal and non-formal learning in Europe



We would like to know in how far innovative learning projects already tackle this theme or how they could cope with it in future.

We are partners of the project VITA, which deals with the validation of social, personal and organisational competences (SPOC) that are essential for the challenges of the European service economy.

We are looking for innovative learning projects in all educational fields (from school to higher education, vocational training, adult learning, youth, volunteering and mobility projects etc.) that promote the development of these competences in an innovative way and include practical cases or at least ideas on how learning outcomes and competence developments within this specific competence area can be assessed and evidenced also beyond the walls of formal education.



Hence the VITA prize is an award given to most innovative and promising European initiatives and projects that

- work in an innovative and novel fashion;
- focus on integrating SPOC in learning contexts;
- reflect on/consider ways of measuring and documenting learner's development in relation to these competences;
- promote understanding and awareness for the evaluation / validation of informal and non-formal learning and highlight its value either for the individual (whose competences were validated) or for the organisation (who validates competences).

## Who can participate?

The competition is targeted towards individuals, companies, training funds, professional groups, NGOs, VET schools, schools, universities, youth organisations, public authorities, institutions of LLL, civic society organisations, social partners, professionals and researchers.

Participants must live in one of the following countries:

27 Member States of the European Union, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland, Croatia, Turkey.

## How to participate?

Ongoing or completed, existing or planned case studies, initiatives or projects can enter the competition.

For this purpose, proceed as follows:

1. go to <http://mahara.vita-eu.org/>
2. either login or register
3. when member go to submit page
4. fill in sheet
5. append file
6. submit
7. maybe win?

You find more information on our VITA website: [www.vita-eu.org](http://www.vita-eu.org).

Please read carefully our **FAQ section** on the page "Award".

## When is the closing date?

The competition entries are to be presented by August 20th, 2013.

## And the award goes to...

The contributions will be evaluated by an independent jury according to the following criteria:

- Innovation: Original solutions to non-formal and informal learning problems and needs
- Validation: The way learning outcomes are assessed and evidenced



- Impact: Potential and actual effect on participants, learning context and the society in general
- Sustainability: Continuation of this innovation
- Transferability: Potential use of the innovation in other contexts

## Award ceremony in Dublin, Ireland

The winners will be invited to present their project at the VITA-conference which will be held on October 9th, 2013 in Dublin with an international audience.

The prize includes travel, accommodation and subsistence for a 2-day trip to Dublin. All winners will get the opportunity to present their cases during the final conference and will benefit from a European wide dissemination in a specific newsletter and on our VITA website.

**We wish you luck!**

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