



Report of VET Excellence Award Nominees Celebration and Closing

European Vocational Skills Week 2020

09-13 November 2020

10:30 – 12:30

EUROPEAN **VOCATIONAL**
SKILLS WEEK 2020





Format:

Online, fully pre-recorded event

Speakers:

- Lucija Baškarić, Zagrebački Velesajam, Croatia
- Elke Büdenbender, Spouse of the President of the Federal Republic of Germany, VET Week Ambassador
- Steve Chaid, Moderator
- Teresa Damásio, CEO, Grupo ENSINUS, Portugal, VET Week Ambassador
- Stephan Howeg, Chief of staff & communications officer, The Adecco Group, Switzerland, VET Week Ambassador
- Anja Karliczek, Federal Minister of Education and Research, Germany
- Darya Majidi, Entrepreneur, Computer Scientist, Digital Transformation & AI Expert, Board Member, Author, TED Speaker, Women Advocate, Founder Community Donne 4.0, Founder Fem4Action, Award women changing the world
- Salvador Lorenzo Martínez, Diversity manager, Repsol, Spain, VET Week Ambassador
- Antonio Mir, Xabec Vocational Training Centre, Spain
- Cesare Onestini, Director European Training Foundation (ETF)



- Beatris Panas, Marmatia Tehnological High School, Sighetu-Marmatiei, Maramures, Romania
- Olga Papakyriakou, Nurse, Agia Sofia General Children's Hospital, Greece, VET Week Ambassador
- Noémi Ráczová, Head of department, Vocational Art School Košice, Slovakia, VET Week Ambassador
- Nicolas Schmit, European Commissioner for Jobs and Social Rights
- Jürgen Siebel, Director Cedefop
- Pontus Slättman, CEO, WorldSkills, Sweden, VET Week Ambassador
- Lesław Tomczak, Head, Regional Institution of Educational Support, Poland, VET Week Ambassador
- Monica Verzola, Development Business Director International Area, ENAIP NET, Italy; European Vocational Skills Week National Contact Point
- Ana Zacharian, Chairwoman and CEO, Albanian Skills, National Association for Skills Competitions

Number of Participants:

550

Main Message:

The success of the European Vocational Skills Week shows that the European Institutions are fully operational and reactive during the ongoing pandemic crisis, on a crucial issue such as Vocational Training and Education, with initiatives such as the Pact for Skills, the European Alliance for Apprenticeships and the fifth edition of the Awards for Excellence in Vocational Education and Training.

Detail of the Meeting:

After welcoming the participants, Mr Chaid launched an inspirational video by Mrs Majidi.

Mrs Karliczek delivered the keynote speech (see Main Message), then the 5-year testimonials of previous Week Awards winners and event/activity organisers took the floor, and the VET Week Ambassadors were presented (see Speakers – with Ms Büdenbender leading the way).

Mr Chaid and Mr Schmit co-hosted the 2020 Excellence in VET Awards, presenting the nominees and the winners for the various categories.

This year special attention went to activities related to the Commission's priorities: the green deal and the digital transition.



List of the nominees and the winners:

Training at work:

Kevin Parras and Ene Krinpus - from Magnetic MRO AS from Estonia

Gözde Yiğit and the Borçelik Technical Academy in Turkey

Innovative VET provider:

BIC Ljubljana from Slovenia

SASKY Municipal Education and Training Consortium from Finland

Teacher and Trainer:

Mr Vitalij Kabelis from Lithuania

Mrs Alina Mirela Popa from Romania

VET researchers:

Team of Professor Dr Raija Hämäläinen, from the Finnish Institute for Educational Research

Team of Dr Pia Spangenberger from the Institute of Vocational Education and Work Studies in Germany

Entrepreneurial School Awards:

HTL Wolfsberg from Austria

Lycée Technique Agricole Ettelbruck from Luxembourg!

European Social Fund:

“Green Leather Manager”, a project of the Veneto region in Italy led by Fabio Menin

“Career Guidance in General and Vocation Education Institutions”, a project of the Ministry of Finance of Latvia led by Ieva Gaigala.

Erasmus+ mobility projects:

“Energy efficiency in operation”, a project of the Technikerschule Mindelheim in Germany led by Karl Geller

“Reconstruction of existing buildings into energy ones”, a project of the Sofia High School of Civil Engineering in Bulgaria led by Anna Georgieva

“FOREST4LIFE”, a project of the Istituto Baruffi in Italy led by Gabriella Pesce



Erasmus+ mobility projects on distance learning:

“BLESABEE”, a project of the Secondary Vocational School in Slovakia led by Pavel Fil’o

“Exploring Blended Learning approaches for VET”, a project of the Belfast Metropolitan College in the United Kingdom led by Glen MacMahon

2020 Special Awards for distance and e-learning solutions:

ISTR - University Institute for Sciences and Techniques for Rehabilitation, under the Lyon University represented by Patrice Thiriet, France

Bursa Coşkunöz Education Foundation represented by Ms Oya Coşkunöz Aktas, Turkey

Guests of honour:

The Skills Heroes, Austria (5 former Gold Medal winners WorldSkills/EuroSkills)

Melanie Seidl, Birgit Haberschrack, Lisa Janisch, Manfred Zink, Fabian Gwiggner.

Mr Chaid, in congratulating the winners as well as the nominees, reiterated the importance of Vocational Education and Training, which should not be considered in any way as less dignified than other learning paths, before launching a final music video.