

### ReCall – teacher training tool to promote self and social competencies among learners



#### About the project

The international project ReCall (Retail Sector Competencies for all Teachers) aimed at the development of a teacher training concept for the design of selected entrepreneurial competencies among learners. The teaching materials (referred to as TLA, Teaching & Learning Arrangements) developed under earlier ReSeCo project were used to analyse and evaluate the adaptation to the current needs of vocational education. The development of training tools should make it easier for teachers to implement this concept and materials in secondary schools, especially vocational with retail sector profile. The leader of the project was the University of Cologne (The Chair of Economics and Business Education), and the partners were the Pedagogical University of Cracow, the University of Bergamo, as well as vocational schools in partner countries. A member of the education sector on the Polish side was the complex of vocational schools (Zespół Szkół Przemysłu Spożywczego) in Kraków. The duration of the project was from November 2015 to October 2017.

#### TTT – Teacher Training Tool

As part of the project, an online tool called Teacher Training Tool (TTT) was developed for teacher training. TTT provides practical information and exercises on the use of teaching materials in the workplace with students, including the following four competencies: "dealing with criticism," "team competency", "time management," and "self-evaluation of strengths and weaknesses." The developed tool provides access to multimedia exercises and information to secondary school teachers (in particular of vocational education including technical and industry schools), which can be used at any time and from anywhere.

#### The importance of selected self and social competences in professional and private life

Dealing appropriately with customers, suppliers, supervisors and colleagues plays a big role in the professional routine of apprentices not only in the retail sector but also in other occupation. Appropriate types of communication, development of interpersonal relationships with individuals and the entire team, as well as self-assessment, both in their own strengths and weaknesses and in their actions, are crucial for professional success and satisfaction. It is also important to be able to manage your time effectively, both in work and school life and in private life. These are important self and social competencies, recognized as entrepreneurial skills and promoted as key competencies in European systems of education.

## Benefits of training and using teacher learning arrangements (TLA)

The use of TTT online resource and teacher training should contribute to better use of the TLA at school, which in turn should improve the skills of learners in these four areas. TLA materials have been tested and implemented for vocational education in vocational schools in four European countries (Germany, Great Britain, Poland and Italy). They are available in four local languages in the form of book publications and in the Polish language in electronic form ([http://www.recall-ttt.uni-koeln.de/sites/recall/pdf/ReSeCo\\_PL.pdf](http://www.recall-ttt.uni-koeln.de/sites/recall/pdf/ReSeCo_PL.pdf)).

Using TTT brings a number of benefits both for a teacher and their learners. First of all, it provides a quick overview of the existing teaching and -learning arrangements and materials for promoting self-competencies and social competencies. The TTT, consisting of different multimedia elements, demonstrates the use of the teaching and learning arrangements in the classroom. The scope and duration of the TTT can be individually determined by user, which means that the training can be stop and start at any time. Using TTT in the teacher's work should encouraged learners to acquire the self- and social competencies that are required in their daily work.

Students work through various situations easier in which critical and decision-making skills and their self-management abilities are challenger – not only in workplace but also in school but also at home and in different family situations. Through the use of TLA, learners have the opportunity to solve problem situations creatively with classmates and develop their ability to communicate and collaborate.

## The access online to ReCall website with teacher training tool (TTT) and teaching materials

The TTT is an open educational resource (OER). It offers free online training for teachers in the form of flexible self-study. You can work with the TTT and use the content anywhere and at any time under the following link:

<http://www.recall-ttt.uni-koeln.de/pl/>

Access to teaching materials "Development of self and social competences in vocational schools"

[http://www.recall-ttt.uni-koeln.de/sites/recall/pdf/ReSeCo\\_PL.pdf](http://www.recall-ttt.uni-koeln.de/sites/recall/pdf/ReSeCo_PL.pdf)

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