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Hydroponics Agricultural Technician Newsletter №4

General Information



PONICS VET: Hydroponics Agricultural Technician is an **Erasmus +** project focusing on providing access to training and qualification in the applications of Hydroponics techniques for young farmers from



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rural and semi-urban areas. The idea behind the project is to create an innovative professional profile, the **HYDROPONICS TECHNICIAN**, and to provide a quality vocational training to support such a profile.

Final Transnational Project Meeting



The fourth and final meeting under the **PONICS VET** project took place on 14th and 15th of January 2020 in Ruse, Bulgaria and was hosted by **Business Innovation Center Innobridge**. The final meeting was of crucial importance for the project implementation, as partners had the chance to discuss important aspects regarding the upcoming activities before the end of the project in **March 2020**. During the meeting, the consortium was updated about the current

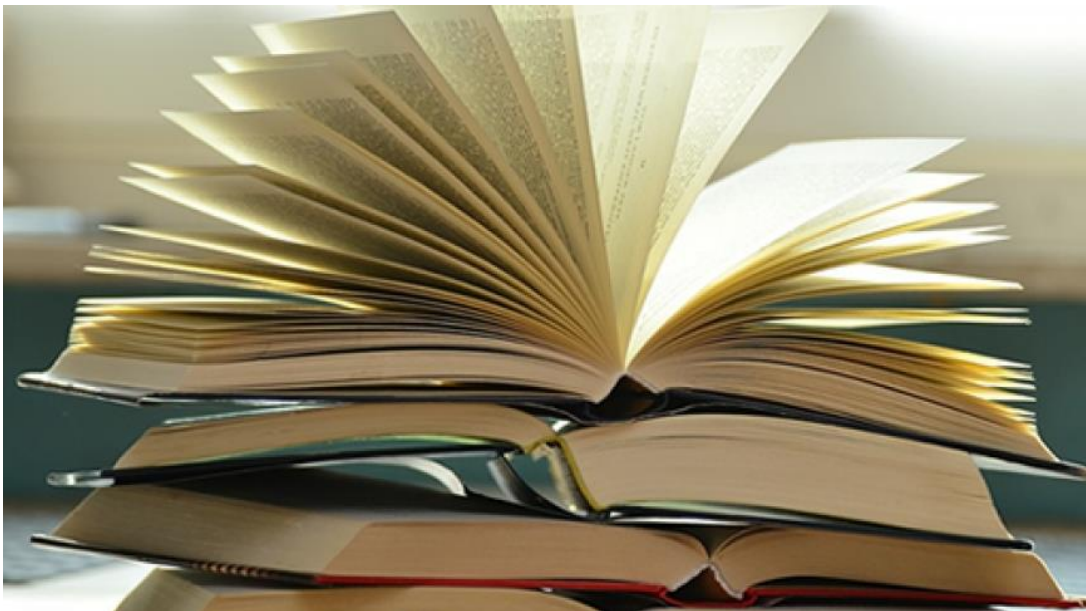


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progress status of the project, also placing a special emphasis on the completion of the **course content and the online training environment** which will be used in the final stage of the project – the pilot training activities.

Training Course



In the last two years of the implementation of the PONICS VET project, the main efforts of the consortium were concentrated in the creation of a training content that will allow farmers gain knowledge in the field of Hydroponics and assist in the creation of a new professional profile - the **Hydroponics Technician**.

A few months before the project end, the final version of the training materials is ready, comprising of the following topics that will help farmers gain understanding in the field of the hydroponics techniques:

1. Course introduction (Introduction of the course guide and contributors; Definition and brief history of hydroponics; Principles of



hydroponics plant production);
2. Technical aspects (General aspects in plant nutrition;
Maintenance of nutrient solutions);
3. Principles of decision making (Food safety; Economics; Existing
case studies).

The theoretical part of the course content will be also supported by innovative training platform, that will serve as additional environment facilitating the learning process.

Join the Upcoming Activities



Join us in the final steps of the project.



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In march 2020, several locations in Europe will host events which will present and disseminate information about PONICS VET's activities.

Likewise, if you are a young farmer with interest in Hydroponics techniques, you will have the opportunity to take part in the upcoming pilot training activities and go through the training contents specifically created to represent the need for basic skills regarding hydroponics.

More details about the upcoming events will be released closer to the actual dates, so keep a close eye on all websites and the official page of the PONICS VET project on Facebook to find out how to participate.

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