

The Project

National Authorities for Apprenticeship:

Companies as Sustainable Partners for Apprenticeship in Greece and Cyprus

The project is an international initiative aimed at improving the quality of Vocational Education and Training (VET), particularly Apprenticeship, in Greece by closely cooperating with the Social Partners and transferring know-how from other EU member states. The project started on **01-10-2014** and is going to be completed on **28-02-2017**.



National Partners of the project

- The Greek Manpower Employment Organization (OAED), as project leader. OAED is the Greek Public Employment Service, which, inter alia, implements the Dual System of Vocational Education at 51 Apprenticeship Vocational Education Schools (EPAS) throughout Greece.
- The Institute of Educational Policy (IEP), a coordinating scientific body supervised by the Greek Ministry of Education, Research and Religious Affairs. IEP conducts studies related to all educational tiers and supports the planning and implementation of the relevant educational policies.
- The Institute of Small Enterprises of the Hellenic Confederation of Professionals, Craftsmen and Merchants (IME GSEVEE), which conducts research studies and diffuses knowledge and information about very small, small and medium-sized enterprises of the secondary and tertiary sectors of the economy.
- The Labour Institute of the General Confederation of Greek Workers (INE GSEE), an institute that is highly active, inter alia, in the areas of scientific research, training, further training, and lifelong learning.

International Partners of the project

- The German Federal Institute of Vocational Education and Training (BIBB), which operates under the aegis of the German Ministry of Education and Research. BIBB excels in VET research and actively supports the international development of Apprenticeship.
- The Cyprus Productivity Centre (CPC), a state agency with 50 years of experience in the areas of training and productivity, on behalf of the Ministry of Labour, Welfare and Social Insurance of Cyprus.
- The Cyprus Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCCI), a federation of the local Chambers of Commerce and Industry operating in five large cities in Cyprus.

The Aims of the Project

The Project mainly aims to activate enterprises in Greece and Cyprus into participating in VET programmes by providing quality Apprenticeships.

More specifically, the cooperation between the project partners will lead to the development of a methodological framework that will ensure effective Apprenticeship/on-the-job training and, therefore, help companies become venues of quality Vocational Education and Training. Moreover, thanks to the transfer of know-how from Germany, which has a long tradition in the Dual Education System, both the quality and effectiveness of the Greek and Cypriot Apprenticeship Systems are going to be improved, thus enhancing the links between Apprenticeship Vocational Schools and the labour market.

