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Strengthening Work-Based Learning through European Micro-credentials

Across Europe, interest in high-quality Work-Based Learning (WBL) continues to grow, especially as more countries expand or introduce dual VET systems, where learning takes place both in centres and in companies. This shift brings new opportunities, but also new responsibilities for the people who make WBL meaningful every day: teachers, Erasmus coordinators, mobility organisers, in-company mentors and supervisors.

STREAM is supporting this transformation by offering short, flexible and recognisable micro-credentials that help professionals update their competences in three essential areas:
💻 Digital | 🌱 Green | 🤝 Inclusive

These micro-credentials are part of our new European framework: "The European Professional Certificate for Practitioners in Inclusive, Digital and Green Work-Based Learning."

They respond to today's real needs in VET: clearer professional roles, better preparation for accompanying learners in workplace settings, and stronger alignment with the EU's priorities on digitalisation, sustainability and social inclusion.

STREAM Pilot Training is Underway

We are delighted to share that the first STREAM pilot cohorts are now active on our Moodle platform. Participants from across five EU Member States are working through interactive content, videos, reflective tasks and practical tools designed specifically for their daily responsibilities in WBL environments.

Over the last number of weeks, pilot participants have been:

- Exploring tailored units linked to digital, green and inclusive competences
- Testing the usability of the Moodle learning pathway
- Reflecting on real scenarios from their own WBL or mobility practice
- Participating in national and international Community of Practice workshops to explore the benefits and challenges of the learning and how it applies to their role as WBL coordinators both at home and abroad.
- Assessed to ensure they meet the criteria to receive the STREAM micro-credentials

This pilot phase is a major step forward: for the first time, VET staff and company mentors involved in WBL will gain a European digital micro-credential recognising their competences in supporting learners in inclusive, sustainable and digitally rich environments.

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What our participants have to say:

"Taking part in this STREAM pilot has been hugely insightful for me in terms of understanding how these micro-credentials on Digital, Green and Inclusive skills can be implemented into a WBL/Erasmus+ mobility programme and their relevance to all our learners. There's a wealth of information and content that's accessible and engaging, which allowed me to learn at a time and pace that suited me. STREAM supports the four key priorities of Erasmus 2020-2027 Programme: inclusion, active participation, and supporting environmental and digital transitions."

Erasmus+ Coordinator, Ireland





"The STREAM micro-credentials offered a comprehensive and practical approach to the current needs of vocational education. All three modules were rich in examples and tools that I can immediately use in my professional practice. I particularly appreciated how closely the content reflects today's European priorities: digital skills, green practices, and inclusive learning environments."

Erasmus+ Coordinator, Greece

What comes next?

As the pilot progresses, participants will soon receive:

🎓 Their first STREAM digital micro-credentials
🗨️ Opportunities to share feedback in national and European sessions
🤝 Invitations to join the community of practice on WBL
📍 A selection of participants will be invited to an in-person workshop in Athens in February 2026.

This exchange will help us refine assessment approaches, strengthen the value of the certificate, and ensure that the framework continues to meet the needs of educators, company supervisors and mobility organisers across Europe.



Some of the Peer Group Experts

Peer Expert Group:
Supporting Quality and Impact

STREAM's Peer Expert Group (PEG)—composed of academics, business representatives and VET professionals from across Europe—continues to provide invaluable guidance.

The PEG is currently working on:

- Policy recommendations for WBL competence recognition
- Expert discussions on assessment models
- Contributions to practical guidelines for future micro-credential frameworks.

Their insights help ensure that STREAM remains relevant, rigorous and aligned with European developments.

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