

International Guidance and Transfer Conference in Budapest, Hungary

Only one final conference in September 2024 was planned in the project application. However, during the first year of the project, it became clear that several conferences were necessary because:

- The establishment and development of the project's 7 CoVEs require intensive exchanges and extensive consultations with regional institutions and other stakeholders.
- There is a great need among the project partners to exchange experiences with each other in addition to the workshops and to organise consultations with external experts.
- The wealth of project results requires several consultation and transfer events to be able to carry out detailed presentations, discussions and implementation planning.

The organisation of additional advisory and transfer conferences was listed, justified and approved in the annual interim reports. In connection with the budget reallocation, the organisation of four international advisory and transfer conferences was requested and finally approved:

- In 2021 in Panevezys, Lithuania.
- In 2022 in Vienna, Austria.
- In 2023 in Budapest, Hungary.
- In 2024 in Riga, Latvia.

In Budapest were carried out:

1) A half-day workshop on the following two main topics was organised on 15 June 2023:

- Implementation of project results and utilisation by the transfer recipients and project partners as ongoing services for the respective target groups with financing through participant and consultancy fees.
- Priority topics and tasks for the future work of the CoVEs in the medium and longer term.

2) A half-day consultation and transfer conference on 16 June 2023, at which:

- the 3LoE project and the concepts, objectives and tasks of the 7 CoVEs were presented and discussed.
- existing project results were presented, discussed and transferred.
- results from other projects that are highly relevant to the 3LoE project were presented and transferred.

The conference was attended by 81 people and the workshop by 44 people, namely:

- ✓ Various project partners.
- ✓ Representatives of the associated partners of the 3LoE project from 13 countries.
- ✓ Regional and innovation promoters as well as politicians and administrators.
- ✓ Owners and employees of companies.
- ✓ 5 experts from vocational schools, further education institutions, innovation promoters, universities and public administrations from Poland, Lithuania, Estonia and Ukraine, who carried out advisory task. They did not receive a fee for this but were reimbursed for their travel expenses up to a maximum of €500.00 each.

The participants and all project partners rated the organisation of the conference and workshop very positively.

The following results, suggestions and proposals were obtained during the workshop:

1. Priority topics and tasks for the future work of the CoVEs
2. What makes project work successful?
3. Improvements in the transfer and long-term utilisation of results