



**2<sup>nd</sup> Edition – June 2019**

## Welcome to the second newsletter issue of ONBOARD

We've so much to tell you, since the launching of the first edition of Onboard' s Newsletter!

All over the last months, the [EACEA – Education, Audio-visual and Culture Executive Agency of the European Commission](#) recognised the project as “**good practice**”. The consortium developed **the two functional profiles** and **joint curricula** for the Ports and Logistics sectors and completed a series of **validation workshops**, collecting such relevant feedback to boost the project's progress. The **Onboard Apprenticeships Model** is ready, and the partnership is now preparing the **Training for key-professionals**, a training programme that will take place in Portugal, the United Kingdom and Ireland, between June and July 2019.

Curious? Have a look at the 2nd issue of Onboard' s Newsletter.

### Validation process: ensuring that Onboard Functional Profiles and Training Curricula respond to the sectoral needs

During the first 12 months of project execution, the consortium designed two **Functional Profiles** and **Training Curricula** for Port and Logistics apprenticeship courses meeting the **European Qualifications Framework (EQF)**. To develop the profiles and joint curricula, the partnership held, at the beginning of the project, a study on apprenticeships training needs and trends for the Ports and Logistics sector in Portugal, Ireland and the United Kingdom. The study comprised an online survey, “face to face” interviews and a focus group, which took place in Portugal. From this, the partners were able to launch the first version of two functional profiles and training curricula.

To ensure that these results respond to the sectoral needs, the consortium invited the project stakeholders to participate in **validation workshops**.



*Validation Workshops occurred in Portugal and Ireland between January and March 2019*



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**Four sessions** were promoted in Portugal and Ireland between January and March, gathering almost 40 representatives of Ports and Logistics' organisations and Vocational Education and Training providers.

The validation sessions were of relevance to collect important insights to improve the profiles and the curricula. According to the suggestions made, the consortium managed to fill in some gaps and to complete the profiles' development. The two functional profiles are:

### Technician on ports and logistics with digital skills | EQF 4

- Organize and control the transport and storage of goods, optimizing the logistics process, according to established technical, legal and contractual specifications, ensuring the safety, integrity and follow-up of the merchandise, using the necessary digital tools.

### Specialist Technician on Information Technology applied to ports and logistics | EQF 5

- Implementing Information Technologies in companies and organizations, in particular in the service of various aspects of port management and logistics activities.

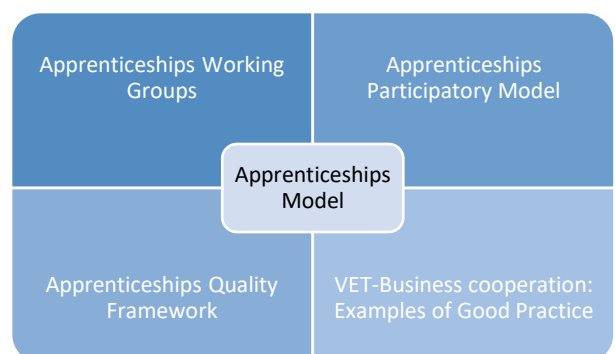
[Both Functional Profiles and Training Curricula are available here](#)

#### Onboard Apprenticeships Model aims to strengthen VET-Business co-operation

**Onboard Apprenticeships Model'** main goal is to contribute to **strengthening the VET-Business cooperation** in the context of the current systems, specifically for the ports and logistics sector. It provides guidelines to assist employers and training organisations.

The Model is based on the methods and good practices identified in national systems and suggestions made by stakeholders involved in the preliminary study of the project.

Onboard Apprenticeships Model will be soon available [here](#).



*Apprenticeship Model for the establishment and maintenance of VET-Business cooperation in Apprenticeship system*

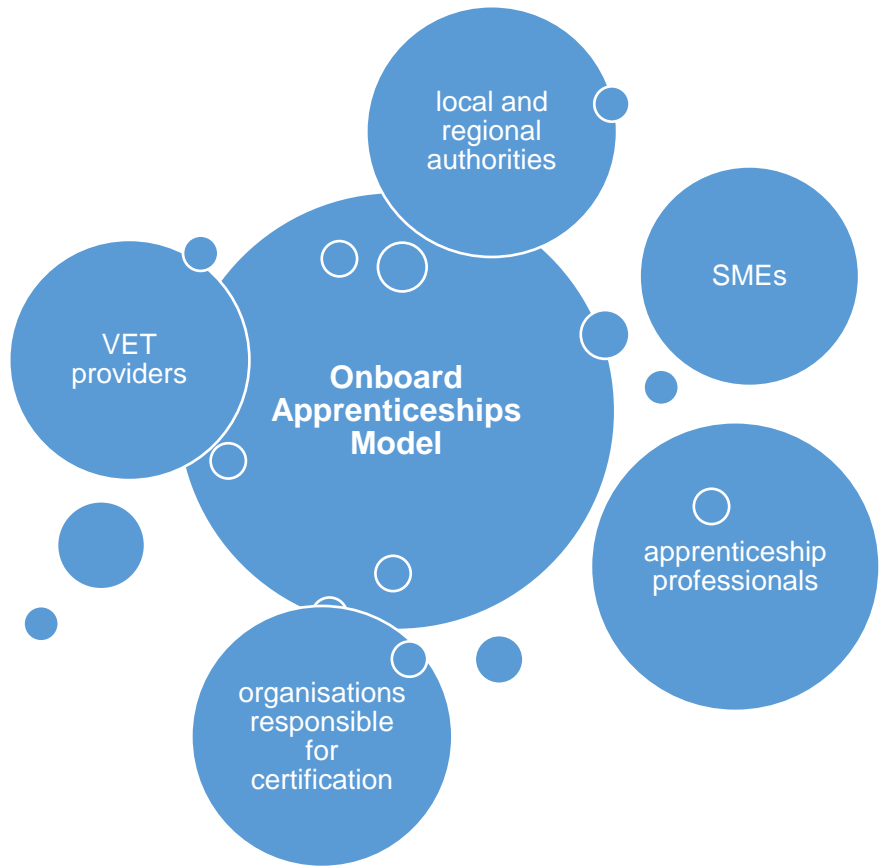


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The purpose of the Apprenticeships Model is to provide guidelines to help strengthen and maintain VET/Business partnerships and assist them in developing and delivering high quality apprentice training needed by SMEs in the ports and logistics sector. The Model is targeted at VET providers, SMEs, local and regional authorities, apprenticeship professionals and organisations responsible for certification.



*Onboard partnership during the last face-to-face meeting held in January, in Cork (Ireland), discussing the Training for Key-professionals*

### Next steps: Training for key-professionals!

Moving forward with the project implementation, the partnership will promote, between June and July 2019, the **Training for key-professionals**, a training programme that will take place in Portugal, the United Kingdom and Ireland.

The programme is common to all countries, so to address the different contexts, learning units and focal points have been developed through stakeholder engagement, while also being discussed and agreed upon within the Onboard project consortium during various engagements.

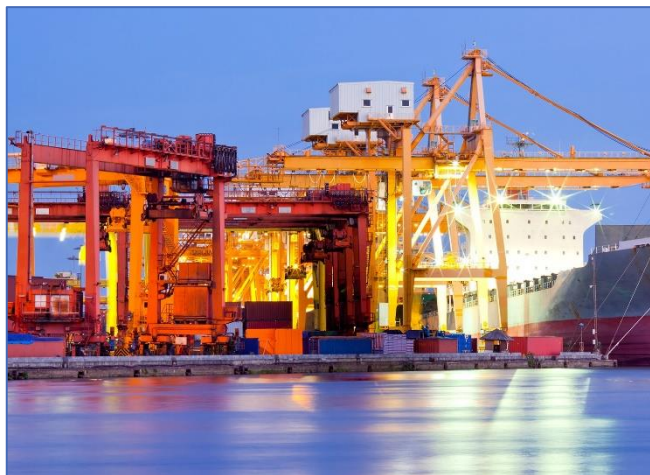
The training programme will be **28 hours in duration**, consisting of a combination of **face-to-face sessions** and an **online learning portal**.

More information will be available soon. Stay tuned!



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The **ONBOARD Project – Development of technical profiles and training curriculum for the ports and logistics’ sector** is a two years’ project co-funded under Erasmus+ programme, that aims to design, implement and validate an apprenticeship’s model for ports and logistics sector, supporting new VET profiles and curricula, and fostering an effective cooperation structure between VET providers and business representatives of the maritime sector.

The project is led by INOVA+ and gathers partners from Portugal, the UK and Ireland. For further details consult the project website at [www.onboard-project.eu](http://www.onboard-project.eu)

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## Associated Partners

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## Consortium



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