



**virtual Work-Based Learning**  
to simulate real experience  
in VET digital training

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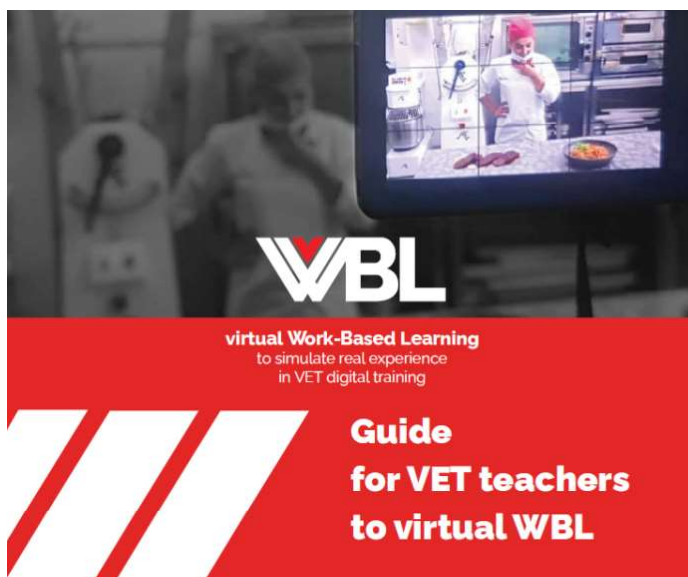
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## The Guide for VET teachers

We are excited to share with you some updates on the vWBL project. vWBL - Virtual Work-Based Learning, is a European project funded by Erasmus+, focused on providing tailor-made solutions to the real needs of the VET systems in the forthcoming European post-pandemic societies, with special regards to the Work-Based Learning (WBL) as key component of the VET.

Since the last newsletter, we designed The Guide for VET teachers to virtual WBL, based on the results of a dedicated survey conducted at the start of the activities to identify new needs and issues in VET digital training. VET teachers and experts in Portugal, Estonia, Italy, Bulgaria, Cyprus, and Poland contributed to the project extended survey, the results of which are included as open data in the Guide for VET teachers to virtual WBL.

The Guide presents statements, standards, and criteria, defining aspects that will support VET teachers/trainers in the design of virtual Work-Based Learning and use of the proposed training, such as:

- planning the logistics aspects of the vWBL, defining objectives, content, learning strategies and evaluation system.
- creating the learning contents that will jointly contribute to simulating practice.
- planning and management tasks and assessments.
- considering availability, accessibility, and usability of learning management system,
- understanding and adopting motivational strategies to encourage the VET learners to practice the virtual WBL.

Each statement, standard and recommendation proposed in the vWBL Guide is based on the consultation of experienced VET professionals in the European project countries Portugal, Estonia, Italy, Bulgaria, Cyprus, and Poland that was conducted at the start of the project.

The vWBL Guide is available in English, Portuguese, Estonian, Italian, Greek, Bulgarian and Polish.

Check out the Guide now here:

<https://www.vwbl.eu/en/news/guide-vet-teachers-virtual-wbl>

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## The vWBL Framework

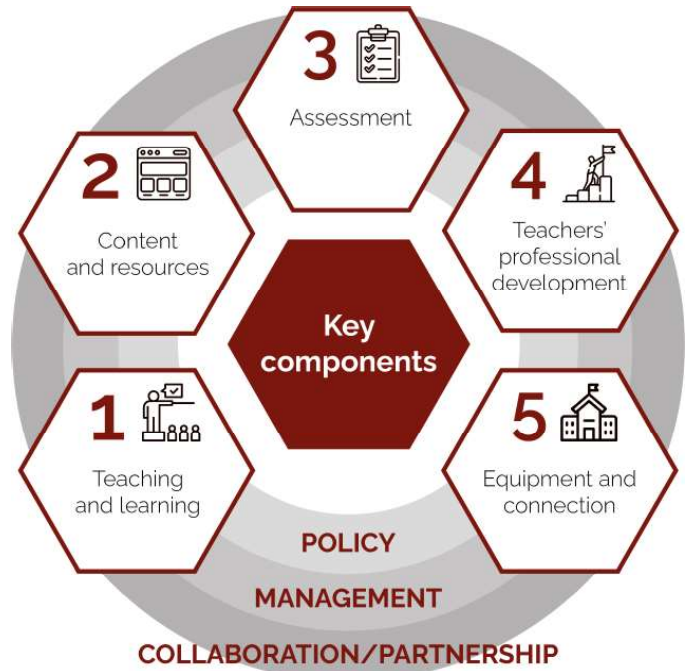
The results of the vWBL survey provided also robust inputs to the creation of the **vWBL Framework**, which considers the following Key components and Enabling Factors:

### KEY COMPONENTS

- Teaching and learning
- Assessment
- Teachers' professional development
- Equipment and connection

### ENABLING FACTORS

- POLICY – EC recommendations for VET and national policies
- MANAGEMENT – appropriate management in VET system and institution (school) level
- COLLABORATION/PARTNERSHIP – mentors', teachers', students' cooperation, and collaboration



The **vWBL Framework** will support the following creation of the vWBL Course for VET.

## Evaluation of the Guide by VET experts

The vWBL partnership contacted in November 2021, VET teachers/ trainers and asked them to evaluate the "Guide for VET teacher to virtual WBL". Overall, 30 VET teachers/ trainers read the Guide and provided their comments and input for improvement.

Most of the teachers' comments are very positive:

"The Guide has a clear structure and is easy to follow":

"The Guide is practical and addresses the end-users effectively"

"The length of the chapters is sufficient for addressing the specific topic"

This is what the experts have said regarding the General Evaluation:

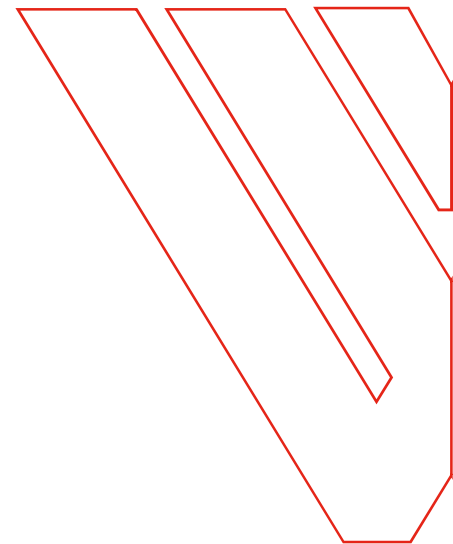
"A very comprehensive Guide. Nice work!"

"I believe that you have done a great work, nothing to add"

"It is concrete, nothing to add"

"Well analysed and written"

"Very good and comprehensive work overall"



## NEXT STEPS

### The vWBL course for VET

The vWBL course will provide support to VET teachers's upskilling on the use of virtual WBL, including all aspects which are the key components and enabling factors of the vWBL framework.

### Training event in Cyprus

The short term mutual training event 'Awareness and competences of VET teachers on WBL training' will be organised in Cyprus in November 2021.



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