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Project Skills-Cloud Successfully Completed: Empowering VET Providers and Learners with Essential Cloud Computing Skills



The European collaborative project "Skills-Cloud" has officially reached completion, marking a significant milestone in vocational education and training (VET). This pioneering initiative, supported by six organizations across five countries—Germany, Greece, Ireland, Turkey, and Italy—aimed to address the growing demand for cloud computing skills in the labor market, specifically targeting VET providers and learners.

Project Overview

The Skills-Cloud project was launched with the aim of equipping VET providers with the necessary tools and skills to enhance their educational offerings, focusing on the increasingly important field of cloud computing. By improving training and skills development for both educators and learners, the project directly addresses the skills gap in the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) sector.

This comprehensive approach has created training resources, such as a **Massive Open Online Course (MOOC)**, **Training Schemes**, and an **E-Learning Platform**, all designed to provide practical, industry-relevant knowledge for VET learners. These resources are now available in multiple languages, including English, German, Greek, Turkish, Italian, and Irish, ensuring accessibility across partner countries.

Project Objectives

- **Promoting cloud computing education** within the VET sector by introducing a cutting-edge cloud computing curriculum.
- **Fostering digital skills** for VET learners aged 16-25, providing them with the competencies needed to thrive in a digitalized labor market.
- **Bridging the gap** between the ICT sector and VET providers, ensuring that the training aligns with market demands and facilitates entry into employment for young people and adults.

Project Achievements

1. **Research Phase:** Skills-Cloud carried out extensive research across partner countries to assess the skills gap in cloud computing. This phase included surveys, focus groups, and desk research that culminated in a comprehensive

report. This foundational research informed the creation of tailored educational resources that address specific regional challenges.

2. **Training Schemes and Assessment Models:** In collaboration with stakeholders, the project developed a versatile Training Scheme aligned with the European Qualifications Framework (EQF), ensuring that the training meets international standards and is adaptable for other sectors.
3. **MOOC and E-Resources:** The Skills-Cloud MOOC, hosted on a dedicated e-learning platform, offers practical insights into cloud computing. These resources are now available to both VET learners and providers, bridging theoretical knowledge with real-world application, and fostering employability in the ICT sector.

Impact and Target Groups

- **VET Providers:** Educators participating in the project have gained new skills and knowledge in cloud computing, enabling them to expand their training offerings and better align with the demands of the labor market. The methodologies developed during the project have the potential to revolutionize the way VET providers train learners in ICT.
- **VET Learners:** Learners, particularly those aged 16-25, have benefited from cutting-edge training in cloud computing, a sector with significant job growth potential. These skills equip them with the competencies needed to thrive in a digital economy, positioning them for success in the ICT labor market.

Looking Ahead

The results of the Skills-Cloud project are not limited to its initial scope. The resources and tools developed are adaptable and can be transferred to other educational sectors, including youth and adult education centers. By addressing the pressing need for ICT skills, the project plays a crucial role in combating unemployment and promoting digital literacy.

Project Consortium

The Skills-Cloud project was made possible by a consortium of six key partners:

- **Afridat UG (Germany)**
- **NATSIKAS K & SIA EE COMPUTER GR (Greece)**
- **European Career Evolution (Ireland)**
- **NGO NEST BERLIN e.V. (Germany)**
- **Nicea Kültür ve Eğitim Derneği (Turkey)**

- **Umbria Training Center ASP (Italy)**

Explore Our Resources

Interested VET providers and learners can access the project's e-learning platform and MOOC at [<https://skillsforcloud.com/>]

This comprehensive resource is available in all partner languages and is designed for anyone looking to upskill in the field of cloud computing.

For any inquiries, collaboration, or further training opportunities, please contact us at **skillscloudproject@gmail.com**.

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About Skills-Cloud

Skills-Cloud is a transnational project funded by European Union. The project aims to bridge the gap between vocational education and the growing demand for cloud computing skills, providing both educators and learners with the tools to succeed in a rapidly evolving digital economy.
