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## Completed Agreement between VET to HE institutions to shape future cooperation in simplified RPL from VET to HE (R20)

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LEONARDO DA VINCI Transfer of Innovation Project  
“RELATE – PROMOTING THE RECOGNIZABILITY OF LEARNING OUTCOMES FROM VOCATIONAL EDUCATION TO HIGHER  
EDUCATION”

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## 1 Preamble

Recognition of prior learning (RPL) helps individuals to assess their competences, to facilitate the continuation of studies and to provide information on learning-promotion. The identification, recognition and validation of prior learning opens opportunity for further studies. This in turn improves the quality of the workforces and the chances for employability of graduates. Furthermore, a well-functioning RPL enhances the educational system. There is a common European need to clarify the RPL process and foster more the understanding, that competence, not merely studying, is the base for the recognition. In the Relate project, the partners from HE and VET institutions collected data about current national RPL processes and practices and developed new methods and described possibilities to enhance RPL.

## 2 Purpose

Based on the Memorandum of Understanding between the RELATE partners upon the results of the consortium's activities during the project's lifespan this agreement is intended to accomplish the following:

- Mutual support by the implementation of counselling procedures in RPL on European scale;
- Complementary criteria and procedures for the assessment, validation and recognition of skills, knowledge and competences in the qualifications mentioned in the MoU;
- Organizational support and common activities;

In order to achieve the aforementioned aims the partners agree on following activities:

1. Provide resources for school management in order to support RPL activities;
2. Establish similar and comparable learning methodology on HE and VET levels;
3. Organize regular meetings among teachers and administrative staff for discuss and compose study program according to 2. The cooperation between HE and VET institutions is intended to be done on program level;
4. Implement an extensive use of ICT Tools for sharing e-learning platforms, materials etc.

5. Organize free choice modules to prepare students for higher education – on personal skills or professional skills basis;
6. Encourage the teachers' mobility on national, regional and international level.
7. Support shared work placement periods/assignments for VET and HE students (multi-professional simulations, etc).
8. Implement a simulation based methods to evaluate the competences. Share evaluation materials to identify the competence level of both VET and HE and to visualize for the students the next competence level and skills to acquire in HE.
9. Develop a codex of counselling and assessment/validation to assure the equal treatment of RPL applicants;
10. Organize and offer trainings to the counsellors and assessors to assure the quality of RPL and provide RPL counselling at different stages (before, during and after admission).

### 3 Term of the Agreement

The term of this agreement is for one year commencing when first signed by all parties. It may be cancelled at any time upon 30 day's written notice by any party. It shall automatically be renewed for additional one year terms unless a party advises the others, at least 30 days prior to the annual renewal date that it will not renew.

### 4 Resolution of Disputes

If the parties are unable to reach an agreement on any specific issue, they agree that the matter shall be promptly referred to a non-binding mutually agreed upon mediator. In the event that mediation is not successful, the parties may seek a resolution through the courts or other legal means.

## 5 Signatures

For the VET institution (Name)

For the HE institution (Name)

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Legal representative

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Legal representative

Date