

# SIPP Newsletter

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## SIPP School Improvement Partnership Project

### Key Project Updates:

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## Quo Vadis? Introduced at Government Level

The Czech National Institute for Education organised a meeting of schools, employers, ministries and other stakeholders in the field of education and the labour market. The meeting was held on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2019 in the seat of the Czech government in Praha. The event's themes were related to education, ECVET, recognition of qualification, young people on the labour market and also dropout prevention and solution. A new education strategy for 2020+, which comes from the Ministry of education, tasks regional



authorities with prevention of dropouts from VET and the whole country looking for methods and tools.

Martina and Libor were invited to the meeting to present how Zlínský kraj deal with dropouts and how it works in the reality of a VET school.

The audience found Quo Vadis? very interesting and a representative from the Ministry of Education showed interest in more detail.

Martina introduced Quo Vadis? again, later in November, at a regional conference on education in Pilsen to representatives of Pilsen Regional Authority. Again, the tool got very positive feedback.



## Transnational Meeting 5 - November 2019, Ireland

Delegates from Finland, the Czech Republic, Spain and the United Kingdom arrived in Galway on Monday the 11th November.

Individual consultations with LPUK took place on the afternoon of Monday 11th November before a welcome reception, organised by GRETB, took place in the evening in lively Galway.

On Tuesday the 12th November delegates arrived at Coláiste Bhaile Chláir School, where following a welcome visit, tour of the school and presentation by 2 students, a full days meeting took place. The meeting programme was focused primarily on each of the project's Intellectual Outputs; updates on current status and planning next steps with each of the partners. The Multiplier event was also discussed and next steps agreed. Dates for Transnational Meeting 6, Transnational Meeting 7 and the Multiplier Event were finalised.

On Wednesday the 13th November, delegates participated in a tour of Galway Technical Institute, as well as a recap of the meeting and next steps. LPUK also held individual consultations with partners.



### **Evaluation Feedback:**

Feedback suggested that delegates felt the meeting was comprehensive and met their needs. Delegates appreciated updates from partners. All agreed that planning was clear and knew what was expected from them. All delegates knew how they could get further support.

Partners seem largely to recognise how their tool can benefit teachers and students addressing underachievement, dropout and issues of equality. A number of partners see great potential in their institution and country whilst in Ireland the tool would benefit from greater availability of data particularly where results can be skewed by relying on data from high achieving schools. This would make the tool more effective there but challenges around data collection exist.

Partners are implementing in different ways and this is both to be encouraged and valued. Both Xabec and Sataedu have models which involve a close dialogue with students.

### **Evaluation Conclusion:**

The meeting was extremely productive and enjoyable. Plans have been made for appropriate further development. All topics and targets are being addressed including implementation in a set of schools in the UK based on both UK and European experiences. Importantly also partners are thinking about impact and what is the *raison d'être* of the tool. This is important for further implementation and succession beyond the end of the project.



## Update from GRETB

The team at GRETB are meeting on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December to discuss the next steps of the project. They were delighted to host the TM5 in Galway in November and were so glad all went well. They have nearly finished the insertion of data from their summer results into the tool and hope to start the implementation stage in January after the Christmas break. Following that, they are planning the multiplier event in May and are putting the finishing touches to the User manual. Work on the next video to be made in the area of SEN needs to be discussed and they have booked a local company Grafton Digital to make the video on the multiplier event.

They look forward to the Spain visit in March for TM6.

## SIPP Website

More information on the SIP Project is available on the project's dedicated webpages: <https://schoolimprovementpartnershipproject.com/>.



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