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1. Zlínský kraj hosts Transnational Project Meeting 4
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Zlínský kraj hosts Transnational Project Meeting 4

Delegates from Finland, Ireland, Spain and the United Kingdom arrived in Zlín on Monday the 1st April. They had an opportunity to visit the Labour Office in Vsetín where they were introduced to a system of counselling for young unemployed people without qualifications. The counsellor presented various methods and techniques of working with youngsters to help them best decide on their career path.



On Tuesday the 2nd April delegates arrived at the Secondary Technical School in Otrokovice. The school is one of the largest public schools in the Zlín region. Besides providing upper secondary education in the field of chemistry, engineering, technology and gastronomy, the school opened a science and technology park called Experimentárium in September 2014. Experimentárium was established to enable attractive teaching of physics, chemistry, biology and engineering for many primary and secondary schools in the region. Delegates had a guided tour of Experimentárium and could experience some of the teaching tools like Planetarium or special glasses simulating various physical phenomenon.

The meeting programme was focused primarily on updates of the refined Grade Predictor tools and the next steps in implementation for each partner. Each of the project's Intellectual Outputs were discussed and planned. Delegates agreed the date for the next transnational project meeting 5 which is to be held in Galway from 11th to 13th November 2019.



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Update from GRETB

Testing has been taking place on the tool from the Irish delegations with a large number of students taking part at Coláiste na Coiribe and Coláiste Bhaile an Chlair. We have also tested the tool on students from Coláiste Mhuirlinne, another GRETB school. The feedback from the testing has been generally positive. While that is positive, we are still struggling with getting enough data from other schools and Education and Training Boards to ensure that accuracy of the results from the tools. Work continues on this, however.

The tool was mentioned and discussed at our recent Education and Training Boards Ireland National Conference which had several hundred delegates from all 16 Education and Training Boards present.

We had a very enjoyable and fruitful trip to the Czech Republic recently and we want to thank our hosts for their hospitality. Planning is well underway for the next Transnational Meeting to be held in Galway. We look forward to seeing you all there.

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



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