TEACHING BUSINESS ABILITIES IN VET

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Teaching business abilities in VET is a new challenge. The convergence of globalization and the technological innovation foster new trends in the labor market. They have led to an increasing focus on the effects and importance of teaching abilities. In this context, contents and abilities have an important role in this new education environment.

The schools systems are traditionally focused on transmit knowledge. However, there is an increasing need on transmitting also abilities. The teacher is the class element that dominates the contents, logically organized and structured to be transmitted to students. So, the emphasis is on the transmission of knowledge and not in the ability to create and develop students with behavioral skills.

These new competences are essential to achieve professional and personal development. Therefore, it is highly important for VET students to quickly adapt to constant changes in a world that is increasingly interconnected.

For this reason schools should prepare VET students for a changing environment and teaching abilities is a critical tool to reach this new goal.

It is in that sense that we should promote a school environment where creativity and risk taking are encouraged and mistakes are valued as a learning opportunity. Accordingly, this is a new step for future projects.