

A CRITICAL APPROACH TO ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN VET

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We have been involved in COBUSVET for two years. It has been a great experience and we want to add a different approach for new projects.

Teachers should inspire their students to develop an entrepreneurial behavior. That is probably especially important in VET. However, we think that we also need to add a critical approach to entrepreneurship in VET.

First of all, entrepreneurship in Europe is becoming important due to the “collapse” of the traditional labor market.

So, we can say that VET education system in Europe is “forced” to entrepreneurship. It is in that sense that entrepreneurship is not another option but a main one.

However, the environment is not helping the VET system to develop this new challenge. On the one hand, there is a lack of resources to foster this internal change. On the other hand, the external environment is not helping to develop an entrepreneurial behavior to our VET students.

At the end, the entrepreneurial behavior is something for the “few” and the labor market is forcing that many others try this way. Of course, the entrepreneurial behavior can be transmitted within the VET system but it is not as simple as another subject. However, being the entrepreneurial abilities very important for all VET students as “internal” entrepreneurs, every effort in this area becomes crucial. This approach should be a new step for new projects