

EDDIE PROJECT SUCCESSFULLY RECEIVED THE APPROVAL LETTER OF THE MID-TERM REPORT

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The EDDIE Project – “*EDucation for Digitalization of Energy*” is pleased to announce that it has recently received the Approval letter of the Mid-Term Report submitted on March 1st, 2022, from the European Education and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA), with a total score of 80 out of 100. The approval is based on the assessment undertaken by the Agency.

The European Education and Culture Executive Agency is an executive agency of the European Commission (EC) based in Brussels, Belgium. It manages parts of the European Commission's funding programmes in education, culture, media, sport, youth, citizenship and humanitarian aid. On behalf of the European Commission, [EACEA](#) strives to foster innovation in these areas, always in a spirit of cross-border cooperation and mutual respect. EACEA manages most parts of the following European Union (EU) funding programmes, in close cooperation with other Commission departments: Creative Europe, Erasmus+, European Solidarity Corps, and Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values.

The Agency has provided important recommendations and comments for the implementation of the EDDIE Project, with reference to the following aspects: Relevance of the Project Results; Quality of the Project Design and Implementation; Project Consortium and Cooperation Arrangements, and Impact and Dissemination Activities. In addition, a brief analysis of each deliverable that was due for the reporting period was provided by the Agency.

The EACEA underlined that the EDDIE project has proceeded according with the Work Programme and delivered the planned outcomes without major delays. The outcomes from the project are ample and the reports on identification of the skills gaps and the current and future skill needs in the Energy Sector in Europe are useful for a wide range of stakeholders and were disseminated to key target groups and stakeholders.

Moreover, the assessment confirmed that the project implementation is on schedule and no major delays have occurred, and the project management has been adequate and efficient based on the detailed and relevant documentation provided.

The Agency emphasized that the project consortium is working well and in a balanced way according to the plans. Communication and cooperation between partners are working adequately after some minor issues in the beginning of the project. The frequency of meetings and progress reporting demonstrates a well-functioning consortium, despite the COVID-19 barriers.

The Impact and Dissemination Activities within the project were analysed by the EACEA Agency, which provided key recommendations and comments for the improvement of the project. The dissemination activities are manifold and sufficient to reach the target audience and the Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) set for the dissemination activities have been reached. From the first year to second year, the activities intensity has clearly increased. The EDDIE website is fully operational, regularly updated and includes different sections. The dissemination activities are gradually evolving from a reactive to a proactive mode, but this change will require further efforts. Main project outcomes at this stage, such as the identification of the skills gap, have been subject to active dissemination in various forms, such as interviews and participation in events.



The sector skills strategy, including the creation of an independent “entity to manage the EDDIE platform, is built upon partnerships with all the relevant stakeholders in the Energy value chain (such as industry, education and training providers, and public authorities) and in collaboration and synergies with other blueprint projects relevant for the digitalization of energy (cybersecurity, blockchain etc.). The platform and the trial demonstrations will cover the digital tools, training modules, documents, jobs offer, occupational profiles, training programmes, recruiting activities etc., searchable by EQF levels, contents, and other relevant attributes. Best practices in the certification process of the platform and entity are followed for the proper development of the training programmes and skills gaps coverage with validation approach in the pilot testing.

Due to the second year of operation, ensuring the sustainability of the project after its ending is being subject to planning, in particular in connection of developing the approach for the sector skills strategy. Stronger efforts and including more elements in the discussion will be followed, such as consideration of digital platforms and tools, stronger dialogues with relevant groups (e.g. VET or Life-Long Learning providers, focusing on realistic self-contained and self-financed models, etc.). Active outreach of the results and outcomes to target groups will be among the relevant future actions. Dissemination activities to specified national/regional authorities and education providers ensuring reaching out relevant bodies for the project outcomes will also be part of the strategy. Synergies with ongoing EU initiatives such as the Pact for Skills ecosystems and roundtables, the European Digital Innovation Hubs and the Digital Accelerator from DG CNECT, which have a strong skills component, will be explored for dissemination and for the roll out at regional –national level of the trial demo.