

# Thematic Network Work-based Learning and Apprenticeships – NetWBL

## Results, challenges and solutions

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## Who?

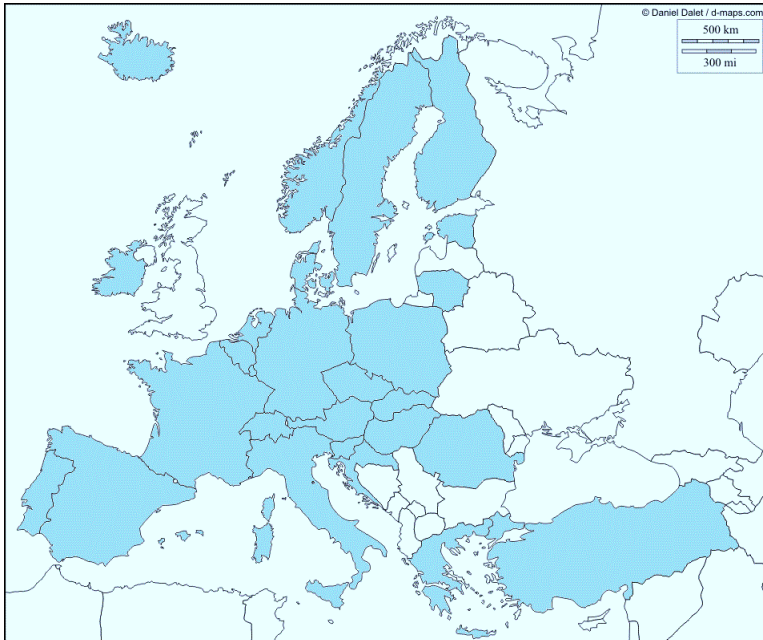
- 29 partner NAs, 9 NAs in the steering committee
- Coordinator: German NA at BIBB
- Duration: September 2013 – August 2016
- Funded by the restricted call for proposals EACEA



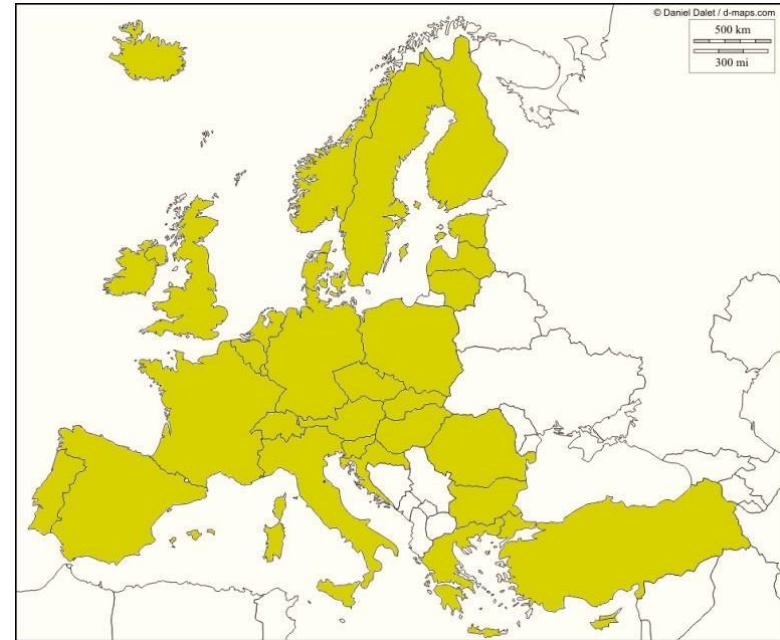
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## NetWBL map



## Erasmus+ map



## Why?

- Under-developed supply of traineeship places in the EU
- The lack of workplace experience contributes to the "skills gap" in the EU
- Countries with quality and attractive traineeship systems perform better in youth employment



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## For what?

- Strengthen WBL elements in existing VET systems and Higher Education
- Support apprenticeship in particular
- Increase the impact on policy and practice of innovative projects in Erasmus+
- Support the European Alliance for Apprenticeship (EAfA)



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## How?

- Making a collection of LLP projects related to WBL
- Providing a thematic analysis of the results of these projects
- Developing the online toolkit for institutions developing WBL
- Identifying gaps and needs which could be taken into consideration by new products and projects
- Providing recommendations for the EU programmes and for policy-making



## Results

- 3 European Monitoring Conferences in Brussels, Vilnius and Berlin
- 8 national/regional dissemination events on WBL in Rome, Bratislava, Budapest, Bled, Ankara, Brussels, Porto and Athens
- Work-based Learning TOOLKIT
- Report on work-based learning needs and gaps
- Compendia of 212 WBL projects
- ADAM thematic project group NetWBL
- NetWBL recommendations





## Work-based Learning TOOLKIT

[www.wbl-toolkit.eu](http://www.wbl-toolkit.eu)



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## WBL Toolkit Content

- **Introduction to WBL:**
  - What is WBL?
  - Who benefits from WBL?
  - Barriers to WBL
  - WBL in Europe
  
- **Themes:**
  - Assessment and Recognition
  - Capacity-building among Teachers and Trainers
  - Delivery of WBL
  - Development of WBL
  - Evaluation and Quality Assurance
  - Governance and Management
  - Information and Communication
  - Partnership
  
- **Tools:** outlining products and tools according to development or delivery needs
  
- **Resources:** library, case examples, glossary



## Future activities

- Continuously updating the WBL TOOLKIT by implementing more tools of Erasmus+ projects
- Ensuring the sustainability of the WBL TOOLKIT



- Get inside the world of the online WBL Toolkit
- Learn about WBL, discover tools for developing WBL, test the Toolkit and give us your feedback

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