



HINTS

High Innovative VET for green and digital Transformations

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Advancing Green and Digital Skills Across Continents



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Key activities and achievements

Training Courses in Green and Digital Skills

One of the project's flagship activities has been the delivery of comprehensive training courses. From May to October 2025, HINTS organised pilot training courses which provided participants from partner countries with valuable insights into emerging technologies and sustainable practices essential for modern VET institutions.

The training curriculum covered a diverse range of cutting-edge topics, including Artificial Intelligence (AI), Virtual Reality, Circular Economy, and Automation. With valuable contributions from partners in Romania, Spain, and Hungary, the sessions explored how these technologies can be integrated into vocational education to prepare students for the demands of Industry 4.0.

Educational Innovation Through Multiple Channels

The HINTS project has developed a multi-faceted approach to knowledge dissemination:

Curriculum Development: EU members of the consortium have developed comprehensive curricula, which are being adapted by consortium members in the Western Balkans and Southern Mediterranean region. This ensures that training materials are contextually relevant while maintaining high-quality standards.

E-Learning Solutions: The project emphasizes innovative e-learning methodologies to make training more accessible and flexible for both trainers and learners. This digital-first approach aligns perfectly with the project's mission to enhance digital competencies across the VET sector.

Podcast Series: In a creative outreach initiative, HINTS launched the Project Podcasts in June 2025. The podcast series explores critical themes such as "Principles of Green Industries: EU and South Mediterranean Perspectives," discussing what defines green industries, why sustainability has become essential, and how innovative educational tools, including gamification, are bridging the green skills gap. One notable episode highlighted Morocco's impressive solar mega-plant, visible from space, as an example of regional green industry leadership.

National and Regional Events: The HINTS project has maintained strong visibility through the organisation of national events. In October 2025, the Polytechnic University of Tirana organised the national event "Future Skills – Innovating Industry" as part of the HINTS Project. This event brought together representatives from academia, industry, and youth organisations to discuss how education can better meet the evolving needs of the labour market.

Looking Forward

As HINTS progresses through its 24-month implementation period, the project continues to build capacity among VET institutions and trainers across partner countries. The focus on green and digital transformations positions participating institutions as leaders in preparing the workforce for emerging industries and sustainable economic development.

The project's emphasis on collaboration among partners, regular meetings, and continuous monitoring ensures that activities remain aligned with both European standards and local needs. Through its comprehensive approach, combining curriculum development, trainer capacity building, innovative teaching methodologies, and stakeholder engagement, HINTS is creating a lasting impact on the quality and relevance of vocational education in the Western Balkans and Southern Mediterranean region.

By investing in the skills needed for the twin transition, HINTS is not only addressing current labour market demands but also building resilient, future-ready VET systems capable of adapting to the rapidly changing technological and environmental landscape. The project exemplifies how international cooperation, knowledge sharing, and targeted capacity building can drive meaningful transformation in education and prepare the next generation for a sustainable, digital future.