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The National Research & Development Institute for Welding and Material Testing - ISIM Timisoara, as project coordinator of the Project no. 101129017—HINTS—ERASMUS-EDU-2023-CB-VET entitled: High Innovative VET for green and digital Transformations (HINTS), is pleased to announce that in the first 21 months, the project progressed fully according to schedule and achieved all planned results. All deliverables due within this period were completed on time and to a high-quality standard, reflecting strong coordination, consistent partner engagement, and robust quality assurance. The project Steering Committee met regularly (face-to-face and online), enabling timely decision-making, effective risk monitoring, and alignment across technical, pedagogical and administrative strands.

Training and learning activities advanced as planned. The consortium developed the curriculum and guidelines (D2.1) and produced comprehensive Open Educational Resources (OER) packages (D2.2) covering digital knowledge and green technologies at EQF Level 5. Pilot courses were successfully organized across the project partners: Polytechnic University of Tirana (Albania), University of Montenegro, Podgorica (Montenegro), Alexandria University (Egypt), AMTA Academy, Sfax (Tunisia) and Jordan Engineers Association, Amman (Jordan) (D2.3), combining theory, practical application, and modern pedagogical approaches (e.g., gamification, AI-assisted design, VR/AR). Early feedback confirms relevance, quality and strong uptake by educators and VET staff, reinforcing institutional capacity in the target regions.

Cooperation and infrastructure components were also delivered on time. The collaborative IT platform and HINTS HUB (D3.1) were deployed, enabling continuous knowledge sharing, remote collaboration and structured access to OER. VET providers in the Western Balkans (WB) and South-Mediterranean (SM) countries strengthened their infrastructures (D4.2), aligning equipment and facilities with the project's green and digital training goals. Quality assurance procedures for training (D4.1) were established and embedded and targeted support for innovative e-learning systems (D4.3) was provided through focused events and hands on sessions in all participating WB&SM countries.

Communication and impact actions proceeded as foreseen. The project website (D5.1) was launched and regularly updated, while dissemination activities leveraged publications, videos, newsletters, and social media outreach to ensure strong visibility of EU support and broad stakeholder engagement. EU-branded templates and materials were consistently used, and initial outreach events in both supported countries from WB & SM as well as from EU countries, successfully showcased early results and fostered peer exchange.

ISIM Timisoara acknowledges the partners' commitment and proactive collaboration, which have been decisive to keeping activities on track and ensuring quality. The project is well-positioned for the concluding phase, with established mechanisms, tools and partnerships supporting sustained impact and the continued reinforcement of green and digital competencies across the participating VET ecosystems.