



PRODUCTIVE LEARNING AS A FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVE IN EDUCATION

On 30 November – 1 December 2015, a school based training and a local seminar of the Project ERASMUS+ PROVED took place in Kedainiai that involved teachers, mentors and students from Kedainiai VET Centre (VETC) and Kedainiai Adult and Youth Education Centre (AYEC), dr. Sabine Liedtke, Expert from IPLE, and representatives of the Lithuanian implementing organization Education Supply Centre.

The training on the first day in Kedainiai took place in Kedainiai VETC. The involved persons discussed, analysed and contributed to improvement of the Productive Learning concepts being developed and documents relating to this issue being drafted (Study Letter, Pedagogical Manual, etc) based on the already on-going process of introducing Productive Learning in the aforementioned schools, where teachers and mentors work with their students. Ideas, suggestions, amendments and recommendations were abundantly provided, debated and produced as contributions worked out in consensus by the training team members. The idea was considered to prepare the materials for training mentors involved in PL with the aim to make them aware about the results they are expected to produce, the way of organizing the process of mentoring their PL students, approaches and methods applied, etc.

The second day was arranged as a local seminar, the venue of which was Kedainiai AYEC. A meeting with the school communities (teachers, mentors, students) of Kedainiai VETC and Kedainiai AYEC took place. The attendees were interested in the on-going process of introducing and adopting PL, its success, they discussed advantages gained and challenges encountered, shared their experience and exchanged ideas for improvement of further implementation of PL in their education establishments.

On 12 November 2015, a meeting on the topic of Productive Learning took place in the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Lithuania. The meeting was held at Vice-minister level with interested parties involved, where the representatives of the Lithuanian party in the Project PROVED Simona Plienaityte, Project Manager, and Aukse Petruskeviciute, Researcher for PL Concept Development, made a presentation introducing the Project to the audience. They delivered information about the content of the Project, its goals, objectives, its target scope, its current *status quo* and further tasks. Attendees of the meeting were provided with information about development, introduction and further adoption of Productive Learning in the education system of Lithuania on the levels of vocational education and training as well as general secondary education.

On 17 November 2015, the Project Manager Simona Plienaityte with her colleagues visited Šiauliai Normundas Valteris Youth School, where **the community of the school was provided with information about Productive Learning as a feasible alternative in education** having good prospects for introduction in similar education establishments.

In November 2015, Simona Plienaityte, Project Manager, together with representatives from the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Lithuania visited a number of socialization centres functioning in Lithuania with the aim **to disseminate information about possibilities to apply elements of Productive Learning as one of feasible alternatives in education of students** all over Lithuania in the context of the forthcoming period (up to 2020) within the framework of new assistance allocations from EU Structural Funds.