



## Memorandum of Cooperation

### Between

ImproVET project partners: Agencija za strokovno obrazovanje i obrazovanje odraslih (Agency for Vocational Education and Training and Adult Education), Institut društvenih znanosti Ivo Pilar (Ivo Pilar Institute of Social Sciences), Strojarska tehnička škola Fausta Vrančiča (Faust Vrančič Mechanical Engineering School), Gospodarska zbornica Slovenije - Center za poslovno usposabljanje (Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Slovenia – Institute for Business Education), Center Republike Slovenije za poklicno izobraževanje (Institute of the Republic of Slovenia for Vocational Education and Training) and Šolski center Slovenske Konjice-Zreče (School Centre Slovenske Konjice-Zreče) (hereinafter referred to collectively as the “Partners”),

In accordance with the strategic documents of the EU Europe 2020 and Education and Training 2020 and co-operation agreed in the Copenhagen Declaration (2002), the Bruges Communiqué (2010) and the measures defined in the Riga Conclusions (2015) and New Skills Agenda for Europe (2016), as well as national strategic documents for the development of vocational education and training (VET) in Croatia and Slovenia (Croatian Strategy for Education, Science and Technology (2014) and VET System Development Programme 2016.-2020. (2016));

Acknowledging the need to keep up with the fast changing nature of the labour market trends and the need to assess skills and competences as well as the need to update the qualification accordingly;

Recognizing the need for VET system to be more attractive, relevant, career-directed, innovative, accessible and flexible and provide better learning and employment opportunities and that one of the prerequisites for the continued development of EU economic space is the provision of skilled and mobile workforce;

Seeking to promote the modernisation of VET education in the Partner countries and innovations in development of national qualification frameworks and to promote mechanisms that make skills and qualifications more visible and comparable;

Considering that Partners have expressed their interest to take part in and contribute to the ImproVET project;

Concerning efforts of all Partners to sustain cooperation and support the development qualifications in vocational education and training;

Desiring to further strengthen the two countries' partnership on further research and promotion of joint VET qualifications in creating a modern work-based education and training path based on the needs of the labour market, fostering economic development and reduction of skills mismatch;

Taking note of the progress achieved so far in the exchange of information and expertise between the Partners;

the Partners have agreed the following:

### **Purpose**

Cooperation between the Partners according to their respective countries' national laws and regulations and within their capacities encompasses in particular, but is not limited to, the following areas:

- Exchange of information and experiences in NQF development and innovations, research and development of joint VET qualifications that will continue after the project funding period,
- Exchange of information and further research to address skills needs and learning outcomes at European level,
- Support the engagement of SMEs in VET system and in development of qualifications and in general foster and further promote dialogue and collaboration among VET public sector and business,
- Develop and adopt tools and mechanisms that facilitate the development of transnational qualifications and ensure quality assurance and proper recognition,
- Discuss possible new ways of collaborating and encourage potential future partnerships in VET among Partners,
- Promotion of strong work-based learning schemes and mobility opportunities for students,
- Promotion of quality assurance of VET in both countries.

The aim of this Memorandum of Cooperation (MOC) is the establishment of a framework of cooperation among the ImproVET project partners during the implementation of project activities and after the end of the project lifetime, with a view to effectively cooperate in matters of common interest.

The Participants intend cooperation under this MOC to commence on the date of the last signature.

### **Implementation**

This MoC will be implemented by mutual agreement and regular consultation between the Partners.

Further aspects of the cooperation between the Partners may be agreed in the framework of the present MoC, including specification of the respective roles and responsibilities of involved members of project Partners staff.

### **Duration and termination**

This MOC is at-will and may be modified by mutual consent of legal representative from Partners.

This MOC shall become effective upon signature by Partners legal representative and will remain in effect until modified or terminated by any one of the Partners by mutual consent.

This MOC may be terminated by either Partner by providing three (3) months' written notice to the other partners.

The termination of this Memorandum will not affect the completion of joint activities that have been agreed upon during its duration.

The Partners have signed this MoC in one (1) original copy.

**For the Hrvatska gospodarska komora**

**For the Agencija za strukovno obrazovanje i obrazovanje odraslih**

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**For the Institut društvenih znanosti Ivo Pilar**

**For the Strojarska tehnička škola Fausta Vrančića**

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For the Gospodarska zbornica Slovenije  
- Center za poslovno usposabljanje

*mag. Alen Duvel*  
Name of the legal representative

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For the Center Republike Slovenije za  
poklicno izobraževanje

*mag. Janez Damjan*  
Name of the legal representative

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For the Šolski center Slovenske  
Konjice-Zreče

*mag. Jasmina Fichelovc Lipinc*  
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