



## Active Learning Community for Upskilling Technicians and Engineers

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### MINI-CONFERENCES for Upskilling Technicians and Engineers in the Sector of Machine Building and Mechatronics

#### General information

Each partner country (Bulgaria, Serbia, Greece, Poland) has organized a final national mini-conference targeting at least 40 stakeholder reps (VET providers, companies, local/regional/national authorities, decision and policy makers) just before the end of AllCute project. Its objectives were to attract as many as possible beneficiaries so as to make them aware of the benefits of Active learning community platform and its mobile application, to provide them with the opportunity to interact with one another sharing knowledge and experience, to present project outcomes and pilot testing results. Last but not least the project AllCute was presented as a best practice of cooperation between VET providers, industry and academia and research so as to promote such collaboration beyond the partnership.

#### Mini-Conference, Bulgaria

A mini conference “Challenges to industry in relation to skill shortage”, organized by Cluster Trakia Economic Zone (CTEZ), was held on 18th July 2022 in Plovdiv. The participants gathered around the topic that employees’ skills are the main business capital.

51 people – representatives of government, local authorities, industry, higher education, NGOs, as well as 11 members of the project team, participated in the forum. 15 presentations were delivered, all of them focusing on the lack of qualified technical staff to meet Industry 4.0 standards, suggestions on how to tackle this problem, and how vocational education should change to be in line with industry requirements.



#### Mini-Conference, Serbia

On 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022, starting at 11:00 a.m., in the Great Hall of the University of Niš, the Final mini-conference of the ERASMUS+ project allCUTE was held, jointly organized by the Serbian partners in this project, the University of Niš - Faculty of Mechanical Engineering Niš and CCIS RCC Niš. The final mini-conference included ALS platform presentation followed by a panel discussion where invited speakers presented

their views on the topics of additional education, lifelong learning, problems in the mismatch between the state of the labor market and market needs, as well as transversal skills needed for today's employment.



### Mini-Conference, Greece

The mini conference was successfully held on Wednesday, July 6, 2022 in the event hall of Kavala Chamber of Commerce. The organizers of the conference were the Physics department of the International University of Greece, in collaboration with the Chamber of Kavala. The topic of the conference was the necessity of continuous education, with the aim of upgrading the skills of technicians and engineers, so that they can cope with the challenges of the 4th Industrial Revolution.

The conclusions of the conference were that the ever-evolving industry has a great impact on their workforce, especially technicians and engineers.

However, data shows that industry executives should be prepared to face the above new realities, with the "right" knowledge and skills required by the new industrial environment, in order to acquire expertise, thereby not limiting employability prospects and access to quality jobs.



### Mini-Conference, Poland

On the 4<sup>th</sup> of July a mini-conference summarizing the allCUTE project was held as part of the official 3rd Meeting of the Council of Entrepreneurs of the Faculty

of Mechanical Engineering and Shipbuilding of the Gdańsk University of Technology. During the conference, the results of the survey devoted to the study of skills shortages in technical and engineering workers employed in the machine building and mechatronics sector were presented. Together with Paweł Śliwiński representatives of Gdansk Technical University discussed examples of good practice, i.e. training for engineers and technicians at Rockfin. Magdalena Raczyńska, Director of the Export Development Center, presented the possibilities of business and science cooperation, as well as the current challenges and needs of the local labor market.



### ALC platform

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