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**SmartGrowth**

**Who we are?**

**Baltic VET competition for smart growth**

“Smart Growth” is Erasmus+ programme Cooperation Partnership project in vocational education and training (VET). 7 partner organisations from three Baltic states have joined to implement this project during in the period: 01.02.2022 - 01.10.2023.

**Why?**

Technology based industries, including mechanical engineering and metalworking (MM) industries, play a crucial role of European economy and in the Baltic countries as well. MM industries are characterised by strong traditions as well as good preconditions for further growth. In Baltic countries MM industry is the third biggest industry. The main challenge the sector is facing lack of skilled specialists, especially for those with VET education and qualification in the sector.

**Main objectives of the project:**

- ➔ increase attractiveness of vocational education and training (VET) by demonstrating skills, knowledge and achievements of VET students in mechanical engineering and metalworking industries.
- ➔ organize national competitions and Baltic countries' competition for vocational education and training ( VET students) in mechanical engineering and metalworking industries by involvement of sector business representatives in Baltic countries.

**Main results of the project:**

- 1) Developed country analyses about good practices of sectoral VET competitions;
- 2) Prepared practical and theoretical tasks for 3 qualifications in metalworking in English and national languages;
- 3) Established regulations for competition and assessment methodology in English and national languages;
- 4) Developed practical training course about engineering technologies with real examples and their assessment methodologies in English and national languages;
- 5) Organized national competition in each country and Baltic countries' competition in Latvia.

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