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# The Euro-iVET Project

## Welcome to the first issue of the Euro-iVET Newsletter

Euro-iVET is a transnational European Social Funded project working across the UK, France, Germany, Ireland and Sweden. The project supports Vocational and Educational Training (VET) professionals who are working in European inner-city, multi-cultural settings supporting young people who often are at risk of not sustaining or under-achieving. If you want to find out more about the project or be involved in its development please contact any of the partners listed at the end of this newsletter.

### Progress to date

The Euro-iVET project commenced in September 2015. The partners, all of which have extensive experience in working with the target cohort, have met three times to review the progress of the project. Detailed quality, risk and evaluation plans have been written and further refined as the project has moved forward. Overall project progress has been mapped against the initial project timeline and the first significant deliverable - the production of a comparative study and needs analysis carried out across the partner countries - has been successfully completed. This piece of work involved extensive

research together with interviews with key stakeholders.

The report identified the key needs, information and training for the iVET professional in their respective country as well highlighting relevant localised issues.

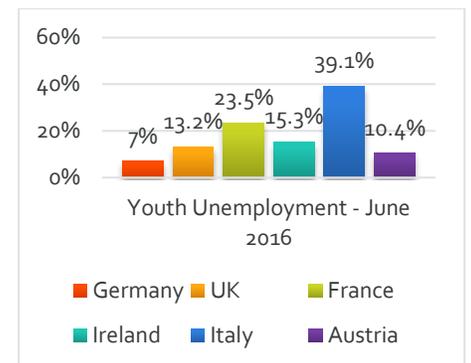
This detailed research is now being used to underpin the development of the Occupational Profile for the Euro-iVET practitioner – the next output of the Euro-iVET project.

This newsletter contains key findings from our research.



### About Erasmus+

Erasmus+ is the European Union programme that aims to modernise education, training and youth work across Europe. One specific focus is on developing, testing and implementing innovative approaches and practices designed to improve Vocational and Education Training provision across the participating countries.



Source: Trading Economics – June 2016

# Comparative Study and Needs Analysis

The Comparative Study and Needs Analysis is a detailed review of current iVET provision across the participating countries. In particular the situational factors faced by Euro-iVET practitioners when working with young people facing the clash between local, educational and employer cultures.

Extensive research has been completed by partners based in England, Germany, France, Sweden and Ireland and additional desk based research was undertaken by partners in Germany on the situation in Austria and Italy.



with key stakeholders and local, regional and national research on Black and Minority Ethnic (BAME) young people, focusing on those considered 'disadvantaged' and living in an inner city environment. The Executive Summary and individual country reports can be found on our website – [www.euro-ivet.eu](http://www.euro-ivet.eu)

Research techniques included interviews

## Research: Key Conclusions

### Youth Unemployment

Youth unemployment amongst BAME young people was found to be disproportionately high. For instance, in Berlin, (Germany) BAME unemployment is 48%. In the UK, BAME young people aged 16 to 24 were 45% more likely to be unemployed. In France, young males from BAME-Maghreb background were 2.6 times more likely to be unemployed, compared to young people with parents born in France.

Young people from BAME backgrounds, especially in France, are more likely to be employed in low pay industries with limited opportunity for skills development or access to qualification opportunities, as well as a lack of long term progression route-way.

Across the study area BAME young people are more likely to face high unemployment, education under-achievement and long term socio-economic barriers such as;

- Inter-generational unemployment
- Higher rates of mental health diagnosis
- Low levels of motivation, wellbeing and confidence
- Criminal activity and higher levels of drug and alcohol abuse

The research was unable to identify existing accredited training programmes in any Euro-iVET partners' country specifically aimed at developing the skillset of iVET Practitioners' working specifically with BAME young people in an urban multi-cultural environment.



The training needs of the iVET Practitioner identified the need for the practitioner to have an understanding of the concept of the mismatch between youth/employer and educational styles, values and cultures.

To help the practitioner 'bridge' the gap between young people and employers/education, research identified the need for closer communication with employers.

In June 2015, youth unemployment in Italy reached a 38 year high of

44.2%

Pockets of deprivation continue to exist within all cities, even in cities where there is a growing economy. This disproportionately affects young people from ethnic minorities.

Currently many iVET Practitioners often do not have the necessary skillset 'to build a bridge' for BAME young people between education and employment.

Across the whole EU, youth unemployment is currently

19.4%



# Interview with a Stakeholder

Sug Sahadevan, Chief Executive Officer, Testhouse

Sug Sahadevan has global ambitions. He is the founder and Chief Executive Officer of Testhouse, a company he personally founded which has grown dramatically with operations across North America, Middle East, Africa and India.

## Tell us more about your company?

Testhouse is an IT consultancy specialising in software quality and IT risk mitigation. With over 15 years' experience in providing managed testing services to large organisations across a range of different vertical markets; we have built up a reputation for quality and

reliability. We help our clients optimise their testing processes and therefore increase both the quality of the software they produce and the efficiency of test delivery. Through the deployment of thought leadership our experienced consultants tailor unique testing solutions that de-risk our clients business critical applications. Our current client base includes the likes of Emirates Bank, HSBC middle east, Abu Dhabi Islamic Bank, EasyJet and flyBMI.com.

## Why are you involved in the project?

My parents moved to the East End of London when I was young and I attended the local state school. I am extremely grateful for the life chances I was given through education and I am passionate

about getting young people into employment. Helping develop this new qualification will have a lasting effect on many young people who would otherwise be left behind.

## Have you gained any benefits from your involvement?

I attended the initial London project launch and I'm excited to have been involved from inception and be able to be involved in its development. I believe there is a real need for this project. I am hoping that I will gain an insight into how better to recognise the true potential of young people from different backgrounds and communities and apply these in our own organisation as well as champion them to other employers.

## Project Contact Information

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