



# Gender & Diversity in Vocational Education and Training (VET)

Materialising gender mainstreaming and diversity issues from theory into educational practice

A transfer system into three different European societies

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Gender & Diversity in VET is a LEONARDO DA VINCI PROJECT that brings together 7 partners from 6 European countries targeted at the TRANSFER OF INNOVATION. Website: [www.gender-and-diversity.eu](http://www.gender-and-diversity.eu)

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### The kick-off meeting

... of "Gender & Diversity in VET" was held in Vienna on January 10th and 11th 2008. In the presence of the Romanian National Agency (Mrs Doina Popescu and Mrs Adriana Sfetcu), partners discussed activities for each work package of the project.



*Helmut Kronika (BEST) presenting the outline of the project.*

Whereas gender and equality issues are being officially acknowledged in all EU member states, their realisation in every day's practice lags behind. This is especially true for the target countries of this project, Romania, Slovenia and, particularly, for Turkey. "Gender & Diversity in VET" will contribute an attractive alternative to combat this situation, especially because the project will not only deliver "materials", "contents" and "methodologies", but will also - and foremost - prepare the grounds at the political level, by including key organisations and stakeholders.

### The objectives of the project are ...

- to transfer innovative practice for personal development of female and male learners by introducing gender equality into the vocational education, training and counselling service in Romania, Slovenia and in Turkey
- to sensitise VET teachers, trainers and counsellors, their organisations and key actors of VET funding policy in Romania, Slovenia and Turkey about the importance of gender sensitive approach in daily VET practice
- to provide relevant didactic concepts and innovative practical materials in order to respectively improve the quality of VET systems and practices for continuous training in European countries
- to spread the project contents and results through a variety of dissemination activities, including third parties.

The partnership consists of a well-balanced team of seven operational partners from six countries supported by a number of strategic partners in the target countries receiving the transferred products.

