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Key Project Updates:

1. SIPP introduced to Labour Office specialists in the Zlín Region
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SIPP introduced to Labour Office specialists in the Zlín Region

SIPP team member David Matocha was one of the trainers at a one-day training event for labour market and employment specialists in the Zlín Region in December 2018. The training was organised by the European Employment Services' representative. The event focused on living and working conditions in EU countries. Education was one of the topics and David presented, besides others, the SIPP project. His audience consisted of 26 participants from four branches of the Labour Office in the region.



In January, we are going to start piloting the Quo Vadis Tool here at Zlínský kraj. During our training in Finland, we asked for some adjustments that would respond to the needs of both the teachers and the Czech education system. We are looking forward to the new version and its first results!

GRETB Challenge

The two schools from GRETB – Coláiste na Coiribe and Coláiste Bhaile Chláir are currently working on what is our biggest challenge regarding the tool – the gathering of information to help us to build the tool into a much more accurate resource to fit our requirements. Unfortunately to date, we have not been able to get a large enough sample of results as our national agency will not release results to us. However we are currently working with a number of other Education and Training Boards with a view to getting results from their individual schools.

Apart from the temporary shortage of results to populate the tool to a greater degree, the tool has been tested by Coláiste Bhaile Cláir and will be tested in its present form at Coláiste na Coiribe. It has been flagged amongst parents at a recent Parents Council meeting and amongst students at a recent Student Council meeting with a lot of interest being shown at both meetings

The project has been mentioned at a number of meetings recently, including a meeting of 250 teachers from a wide range of Irish-medium schools across County Galway and got some discussion at a recent Board of Management meeting at Coláiste na Coiribe. Coming from that, it will be brought up as an item of interest at a future meeting of Galway City Council.

Finally, the project was discussed with and explained to the Minister of State for Gaeilge, the Gaeltacht and the Islands during a visit by him to Coláiste na Coiribe.

Exciting times ahead as the major trialling takes place in the coming weeks and months.

XABEC Open Day

On 14th December 2018, XABEC had an Open Day during which their Trial Tool was presented to potential students and counselors.



Using Data to Improve Provision

NACE, The National Association for Able Children in Education in the UK have produced an interesting article on the use of data to inform, support, challenge and drive school improvement, with access to a free sample of their guide.

The full article can be found [here](#) and a free sample of this guide can be found [here](#).



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