

# SIPP Newsletter

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## XABEC Student Visit

On the 24<sup>th</sup> January 2019, four students and a counselor from the Fundació Patronato de la Juventud Obrera Colegio Sagrada Familia, Valencia visited XABEC. The students visited XABEC as they are interested in studying their degree programmes. XABEC welcomed this opportunity to explain the SIP Project and their grade predictor tool, Plan Personal de Mejora – they also seized the opportunity to put it to good use with future potential new recruits!



## GRETB Update

GRETB have been very busy with meetings over the past month. They are training members of staff to use the tool and plan to conduct the trial on 240+ students in three GRETB schools between February 25th and March 19th. They have scheduled a meeting for March 20th where they will collate the information received, summarise how the process of the trial has gone and plan for the next transnational meeting in Zlín April 1st.

They have converted the tool into the Irish version and it is now available for our Gael Coláistí to use. John McLoughlin has disseminated the project on a recent Erasmus+ forum where delegates from 5/6 countries were gathered.

Karen, Niamh, Maidhc and Claire will attend the next meeting in Zlín on April 1st and are very much looking forward to seeing everyone again.

## Transnational Meeting 4, Zlín, 1<sup>st</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019

The programme for Transnational Meeting 4 has been shared and the project partners are busy preparing and organising for this next meeting. It is a key meeting for the SIP Project, as the project partners are now embarking on the next stages of Intellectual Outputs. Up until now the focus has primarily been on Intellectual Output 01: European Grade Predictor Tools. The scope of the project is now expanding onto the User Manuals (I.O.4), Intervention Guides (I.O.5), Superb Intervention Videos (I.O.2) and ultimately the Strategy Paper (I.O.3).

Delegates will not only be addressing the project operational issues, but will also be spending time in a secondary school to witness secondary school teaching and student life in the Czech Republic; as well as a visit to the Labour Office of the Czech Republic for a presentation of services provided to young unemployed people, with an opportunity to meet with specialists working with young clients.

The SIP Project team is looking forward to this next meeting and sends thanks to Martina Němcová at Zlínský kraj for organising the diverse programme.

### The TM4 venue is Experimentárium



The next transnational project meeting will be held in the Secondary Technical School in Otrokovice. The school is one of the largest public schools in the Zlín region. The school is divided according to 5 disciplines: chemical, engineering, services, electrical, construction and provides upper secondary education. The school is involved in a broad range of European projects. They work with major employers (e.g. Continental Barum), professional guilds and unions. In September 2014 they opened a science and technology park experience called Experimentárium. The school headteacher, Libor Basel, will open Experimentárium for the delegates. Together with his colleagues, Libor will present the purpose and premises of the science park. The delegates will experience how teaching and learning of STEM subjects is organized in the school and how Experimentárium contributes to attractive teaching of physics, chemistry, biology and engineering in many primary and secondary schools' teachers in the region.



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