



Country specific implementation strategy for the testing of the overall qualification concept „specialist for used electrical appliance“ of Austria

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Aims of the implementation

- to promote the image of ReUse products positively
- to test the curriculum „Specialist for Second Hand electrical appliance”
- to find additional partners of the Austrian network seriously interested in the curriculum
- to develop the qualification further according to country-specific needs
- to improve the skills of the target group
- to contribute to resource efficiency and circular economy

Description of organisation / institution carrying out the implementation

- R.U.S.Z has a tradition of some 20 years as a work integration social enterprise (WISE) with a focus on repair services and ReUse activities
- R.U.S.Z is a founding member of RREUSE and has initiated RepaNet Austria and RepairNetwork Vienna
- Solid experience with apprentices and trainee workshops
- Well equipped classroom & workshop for the target group persons available at the premises of the company

Structure of the Austrian testing network

- Eco Counselling Vienna which is part of the Viennese Adult Education Center Network
- Adult Education Centers Vienna, tbc
- RepairNetwork Vienna, some 60 private repair companies, which offer serious repair services, located in Vienna
- RepaNet Austria, the Austrian umbrella for WISEs active in ReUse and recycling activities
- Public Employment Service Vienna, tbc

All these institutions use to work together for environmental and/or social purposes since many years. All are interested in creating new job profiles and green jobs for the sake of resource conservation

Participants

- young people at risk
 - longterm unemployed,
 - disabled
- „no future generation“
 - never employed,
 - apprentices who had quit their education at an early stage
 - young students who have left school too early

a technical prequalification is advantageous, technical skills are required

Trainers and their qualification

- there is one trainer on theoretical content and another one on practical education. Both have graduated as high school or technical teachers
- both have experience in vocational training
- for training on the job the one or other of the service technicians of R.U.S.Z can be used

Teaching and learning methods

- a systematic approach will be created to combine accumulation of theoretical content and practical application
- this mix of theory and practice affords suitable teaching and learning methods which aim at self organized learning abilities of the target group persons
- simulation- and role-playing games, interviews with customers and personnel from public amenity sites will be part of it.

Work plan

- R.U.S.Z will make use of it´s experience as a training organisation commissioned by the Public Employment Service Vienna
- Stakeholder meetings and expert workshops with the cooperation partners in Austria will be held until the end of the year 2015
- by the beginning of 2016 target group people will attend the vocational trainings „Specialist for Second Hand electrical appliance”.
- the trainings will be offered until 04.2016

Rough Timetable

- R.U.S.Z will make use of the Multiplier Event in October 2015 in Vienna as a starting point for negotiating with Public Employment Service Vienna and the Viennese adult education centers for potential cooperations
- the cooperation with Eco Counselling Vienna, RepairNetWork Vienna and RepaNet Austria will be agreed upon shortly after the Multiplier Event
- interested members of RepairNetWork Vienna and RepaNet Austria will be offered a defined amount of places in the vocational trainings offered by R.U.S.Z

Activities to support implementation:

- Identify target groups: Re-use start-ups in Lower Austria, second hand businesses in Vienna, input from stakeholders (project advisor (environmental counseling Vienna), Public Employment Service Vienna,...)
- Design communication strategy: adult education centres, environmental counseling Vienna, Public Employment Service Vienna contacted during multiplier event
- Ongoing communication via social media, R.U.S.Z newsletter and other communication channels regularly used by R.U.S.Z
- Initial contact target groups: bilateral meetings in preparation of multiplier event
- Press release in preparation of multiplier event
- Other publications

Thank you!