



**VET Teachers
and Trainers
Contra
Radicalisation**

Vocational schools, secondary schools and vocational training institutions are often confronted with learners coming from different social, cultural or racial backgrounds. Due to the refugee situation, we can expect even more inhomogeneity in the years to come in schools and especially in vocational education. Under these circumstances, it happens often that frictions arise that are born out of prejudice, low self esteem and latent xenophobia. When such problems emerge and difficulties escalate, and when young people do not see positive perspectives, a critical minority, but in rising numbers, is attracted by extremist ideologies, such as Neo-Nazi groups or the djihadist movement of the „Islamic State“.

Teachers and trainers – called „first-liners“ above - need therefore new skills and competences to be better prepared to deal with intercultural tensions between diverse groups of learners and detect, at an early stage, indicators of radicalisation among their learners. However, many of them have had their vocational education years ago, and many of them are completely or partially unprepared to the changes in the way in which our society is organized and which conceptual aspects of radicalisation pose a threat.

The project will help to raise their awareness and identify initiatives, best practice examples and tools that help them do their work better. In the long run, this approach will lead to a better learning climate, better learning results and will reduce racism and xenophobia in the classroom.

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The Strategic Erasmus+ Partnership consists of six organisations. They have been previously involved in several informal networks or European project collaboration. What unites them is their dedication to the theme of the project, i.e. work with marginalised learners. The activities and expected outcomes fit into their strategy insofar that the identification of approaches, best practice examples and materials for intercultural communication is in line with their educational activities and course programmes.

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