



MODERN Project News Issue 1

We are MODERN – The Mobile & Digital E-learning Toolkit project and we hope to persuade you to “think mobile first”. We know the amount of time adults spend online is rising exponentially and phones/tablets are overtaking computers as our **main means** of access to the internet. We believe we need to shift the focus from computer-accessed learning to mobile-accessed learning! There truly are vast opportunities for interactive, student-led learning inside and outside the classroom via the powerful mobile phones that students already own. Think about it, the rapid adoption of internet-enabled phone and tablets has revolutionised the way we live and work, but not yet in too many cases the way we teach students in vocational training or higher education. We know digital and mobile resources are proven to increase adult learner engagement and information retention. They’re also well suited to “hard to reach” learners or those who direct their own learning activities “on the go” from their mobile device. Yet only 1 in 5 students are taught by digitally confident and supportive teachers. This absence of integration of digital learning tools is mainly

caused by lack of confidence and training and as a result, very few students across Europe are taught material aided and supported by digital supports.

Our partnership is formed by Training and Education specialists, from across the profit, non-profit and public sectors. The project is led by UK based Canice Consulting Limited, an international consultancy in the field of business education with specialisms in digital elearning and marketing platforms. Canice Consulting is joined by The Universitat Politècnica de Valencia (Spain) and the University of Szczecin (Poland) both known for their dedication to providing students with an education based on creation, development and critical reflection. Momentum Consulting (Ireland) will lead on resource creation; they are a digitally savvy Irish training organisation focused on developing progressive vocational education programmes and platforms to enable entrepreneurs, employees and young people entering the world of work to participate as fully as possible in the contemporary labour market. The project will be further aided by partnerships with

the European University Continuing Education Network (EUCEN) the largest European Multidisciplinary Association in University Lifelong Learning and the European Forum of Technical and Vocational Education and Training (EfVET) a unique European-wide professional association which has been created by and for providers of technical and vocational education and training (TVET) in all European countries.

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