



Erasmus Project Centres of Vocational Excellence Tim Europe

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- 1. Agriculture in Europe is facing enormous challenges maintaining profitability, while respecting the societal demand for improved food quality and sustainability;*
- 2. Rapid technological advances in agricultural mechanization play a pivotal role in meeting these challenges;*
- 3. Trainers in VET institutes can hardly keep up with these rapid technological advances;*
- 4. The machines are increasingly connected and controlled by embedded software;*
- 5. Current and future workers in the sector need to adapt their skills set rapidly to stay up-to-date;*
- 6. Employers have difficulty finding well-trained employees and to allocate adequate means for the large training need, in a market with ever decreasing commercial margins.*

To meet these challenges and to achieve our goals, we need to combine knowledge and expertise of VET institutes and companies in a European network of centers of vocational excellence:

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During the spring meeting 2019 in Naples, Hungary, the Netherlands and Poland initially launched an initiative to do something in the field of training to meet these challenges. Later in time during the Congress in Switzerland, the plans were finalized, and Belgium and Sweden joined. Great Britain and Germany later supported the application. We are positive to open up the initiative to other countries later



Just to be clear: THIS IS NOT A CLIMMAR ACTIVITY

After intense consultations by the five Climmar members (Fedagrim Belgium, Megfosz Hungary, Fedecom The Netherlands, PIGMiUR Poland, Maskinleverantörerna Sweden) they finally decided to join their forces and to submit a joint project under the Erasmus+ program in order to obtain a subsidy.

In addition, with Bagma (GB) and Landbautechnik (DE) to think along with us as an associate partner.

Within a few months, after hard work and a lot of consultation with each other via mail and video conferences, we developed a strong program which we submitted on 20 February 2020. It concerns a project of 5 million euros, of which 4 million can be subsidized under the Erasmus+ programme.

We expect to receive a definite answer this month.



Tim Europe - Other Partners:

Thomas More University

Szent Isvan University

Aeres University

Eksjö Fordonsutbildning

Aeres Tech (VET)

Wyższa Szkoła Agrobiznesu

Friesland college

Electude development BV

Acole Productions BV

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Sweden

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Poland

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Belgium

Poland



Content and goals of the project:

- 1. Development of TIM-EU platform:
a transnational CoVE platform;*
- 2. Developing Learning resources: 100 Topics;*
- 3. Co-creation of a virtual learning system;*
- 4. A future-proof Agri-tech sector;*

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*If the project will be awarded by Brussels, then we can start on October 1st, 2020.
Further information will follow at the next Climmar meeting.*



Questions?