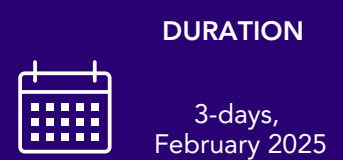




# MOBILITY MATCHMAKING TOOL

Pact for Skills – Regional Skills Partnership for Lifelong Learning Mobility

## Job Shadowing: Innovation in VET Education and Dual System



### The Exchange

The job shadowing focused on innovation in Vocational Education and Training (VET) and dual training, areas in which Catalonia has established itself as a leader.

The Schoolgroup Ghent - GO! Education of the Flemish Community (Belgium) submitted a request to find a partner institution **for a job shadowing on dual education in Catalonia**. After completing the Matchmaking Mobility Tool form, the EARLALL Secretariat connected them one interested partner, Catalonia's Regional Ministry of Education and VET.

Following the match, the institutions began preparing for the visit in February 2025. Over the course of **three days**, the group visited several **institutions and businesses that are spearheading dual learning and VET in the region**.



Barcelona (Catalonia)  
February 2025

- **Institut de Logística de Barcelona (VET Center):** Connects students with employers, ensuring they are workforce-ready with clear career paths.
- **AGBAR (private water company):** A model for STEM education and industry collaboration, providing students with real-world experience to bridge education and employment.
- **Institut ISMB:** Specializes in dual training for mobility and transport, highlighting the region's commitment to aligning student skills with industry needs.



The peer learning exchange was not just beneficial for the Belgian delegation, but also for the Catalan hosts. The exchange also highlighted the **growing importance of international mobility for both students and teachers**. Anna Cabedo Cubertorer pointed out the potential for future collaborations, especially in the area of mobility, which **can open up exciting opportunities for students and educators to gain new insights and expand their professional networks**.

## Lessons Learnt



### Hosting institution:

- Hosting support provided valuable insights for reflecting on and improving our practices.
- Gained a deeper understanding of vocational education in Belgium and its structure.
- Discovered exciting opportunities for future collaboration, benefiting both learners and teachers.



### Participants:

- Insights into dual learning and work-based education.
- Explored Catalan dual learning, balancing general and intensive pathways for strong workplace experience.
- Notable coordination structures and digital tracking for student progress.
- Clear examples of successful business-education collaboration.

## What do the participants say?



**Anna Cabedo Cubertorer**

Head of the International Unit.

Deputy Directorate for Programmes and Projects for the Promotion of Vocational Education



"An enriching exchange that sparked reflection, new ideas, and exciting opportunities for collaboration—strengthening networks and inspiring future partnerships." "



**Generalitat de Catalunya**



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"Our visit to Barcelona provided valuable insights into dual learning and work-based education, highlighting the power of collaboration between schools and businesses. This experience reinforced our commitment to strengthening hybrid learning and opened the door to future partnerships." "

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## Join the Regional Skills Partnership for Lifelong Learning Mobility

### What is the Pact for Skills and what is a regional skills partnership?

**The Pact For Skills** is one of the flagship initiatives of the European Education Area, from the European Commission. **EARLALL, as a network of regions and local authorities, is a member of the European Commission's Pact For Skills Initiative.** Through the Pact for Skills, the European Commission is supporting the development of regional skills partnerships. These partnerships bring together different stakeholders to help working-age people in a region learn new skills or improve existing ones. On 17 September 2024, EARLALL launches a regional skills partnership for **lifelong learning mobility**, as part of the Working Group on Mobility.

### What does the Regional Skills Partnership for Lifelong Learning Mobility commit to?

Acknowledging the ambitious targets set in the proposal Europe on the Move, the Regional Pact for Skills for Lifelong Learning Mobility seeks to increase the number of mobilities of Vocational and Educational Training (VET), Apprenticeship, Adult Education, informal education students, in addition to increasing mobilities for those with fewer opportunities. **The Partnership will focus on promoting a culture of lifelong learning and providing opportunities for those with fewer opportunities, by creating solid links between regions in these fields of exchange and by committing to monitoring and evaluating exchanges in these fields.** The Regional Skills Partnership for Lifelong Mobility commits to help to reach the goals of Europe on the Move, with 20% of VET learners by 2030 on mobilities and 20% of all mobilities for those with fewer opportunities and The Partnership commits to networking with regional and local authorities to implement solid cooperation links in the field of VET mobility, with a focus on providing opportunities for apprenticeship mobility and on attracting new members to the Partnership.

### What are the planned activities?

- 1 Sharing inspiration and good practices of mobility, particularly for those with "fewer opportunities".
- 2 Defining the meaning of "fewer opportunities" and how to best involve these people.
- 3 Monitoring and tracking mobility opportunities and mobility in implementation across partners of this Pact
- 4 Developing the concept of lifelong learning mobility promoters, working to expand a network of individuals and institutions committed to educational mobility.
- 5 Expanding the scope of a mobility matchmaking tool to new stakeholders, matching high-quality exchanges and, student mobility and also regional and local staff job shadowing.
- 6 Organising one-off or regular project matchmaking events to prepare for joint mobility projects.

### What are the next steps and how will EARLALL be involved?

The Working Group on Mobility will use upcoming working groups mee to determine the next activities of the Pact for Skills Regional Skills partnership, with the goal of ensuring each meeting has a presentation of best practices and a networking opportunity to interest new members.

The EARLALL secretariat will support this planning process and facilitate meetings and networking with new members.

### **Give your support!**

EARLALL is excited for this opportunity to increase the visibility of the network and to continue its commitment to high-quality lifelong learning mobility through its Regional Pact For Skills - Lifelong Learning Mobility (RSP).

**Contact [communication@earlall.eu](mailto:communication@earlall.eu) if your organisation would like to join the RSP, we can then include your logo in official communication about the RSP activities.**

