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| **Related call: Open call for SOFT projects** | |
| **Project**  **acronym & ID** | **ROHU00320 CROSSDUAL** |
| **Project title** | **Enhancing cross-border cooperation to harmonize vocational training supply and labour market demand focusing on dual training** |
| **Priority** | P3 - A more sustainable, community-based and effective cross-border cooperation |
| **Specific objective** | ISO6.3 - Building up mutual trust, in particular by encouraging people-to-people actions |
| **Project duration** | 12 months (30.12.2024 - 29.12.2025) |
| **Objective** | The main objective of the project is strengthening mutual trust and fostering cross-border cooperation between vocational education institutions, enterprises, and business support organizations in Szabolcs-Szatmár-Bereg and Satu Mare counties through joint actions and events focusing on dual training. This contributes to aligning vocational training programs with labour market needs, fostering demand-driven vocational education, and thereby in long term to the economic development in the border area. |
| **Partnership** | **Lead Partner:**  Mátészalka Vocational Training Centre (HU) |
| **Project Partner(s):**  PP2: Chamber of Craftsmen Association (RO) |
| **Associated organisation(s):**  AO1: Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Szabolcs-Szatmár-Bereg County (HU)  AO2: "Simion Barnutiu" Technological Highschool (RO) |
| **Total project budget** | 199.520,42 EUR out of which ERDF 159.616,33 EUR |
| **Summary** | CROSSDUAL project builds on the existing experience of the project partners and the conclusions of projects implemented in similar areas as well. The project's novelty lies in its focus on dual training as a solution to labour market imbalances. It leverages cross-border collaboration to ensure that vocational training programs are demand-driven and responsive to the evolving needs of employers. Additionally, the development of a labour market forecasting system represents an innovative tool to inform decision-making bodies and bridge the gap between education and employment.  The following activities shall be implemented on both sides of the border:   * Implementation of a complex labour market survey: after having developed a common methodology, questionnaire surveys and focus group interviews shall be conducted among employers to understand their needs * Developing a joint, cross-border dual vocational training action plan based on the survey findings, that outlines the specific steps and activities required to harmonize vocational training with labour market demands; elaborating a good practice catalogue * Developing and operating a joint online database and website of a labour market forecasting system: creating a labour market database and a bilingual website to establish a balance between vocational training output and labour market input * Cross-border Vocational Education Days in Hungary and in Romania: organisation of joint events to foster cross-border collaboration and knowledge exchange among vocational education stakeholders, including teachers and students as well * Implementation of dissemination and networking workshop, to facilitate information sharing and foster collaboration and networking. |
| **Main outputs and results** | * **4 cooperating organisations** * **130 participants in joint actions** (workshops, joint Vocational Education Days in Romania and in Hungary) * **1 jointly developed strategy/action plan** (Joint cross-border dual vocational training and labour market action plan) |