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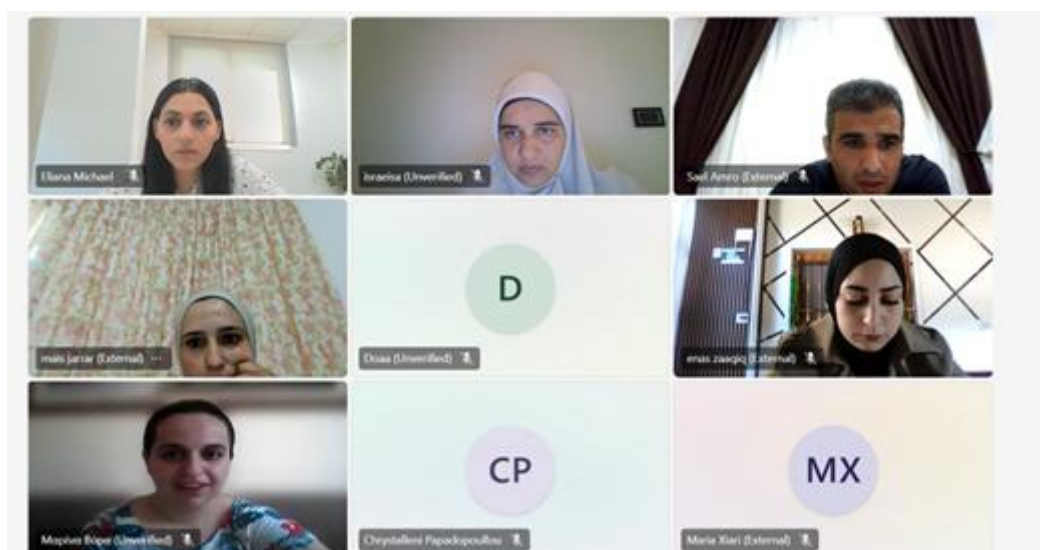
EMSA Project Celebrates Successful Completion and Strengthened International Cooperation in VET

Entrepreneurial Mindset and Skills for All (EMSA)

The **EMSA project** successfully concluded after three years of intensive collaboration between partners from **Greece, Cyprus, Jordan, Egypt, and Palestine**. Funded under the **Erasmus+ Capacity Building in Vocational Education and Training (VET)** programme, EMSA aimed to strengthen the capacity of VET providers in third countries by developing, piloting, and validating innovative training programmes on **Key Competences** (as defined by the *European Reference Framework, ERF*) and the *EntreComp* framework for the **Entrepreneurial Mindset**.

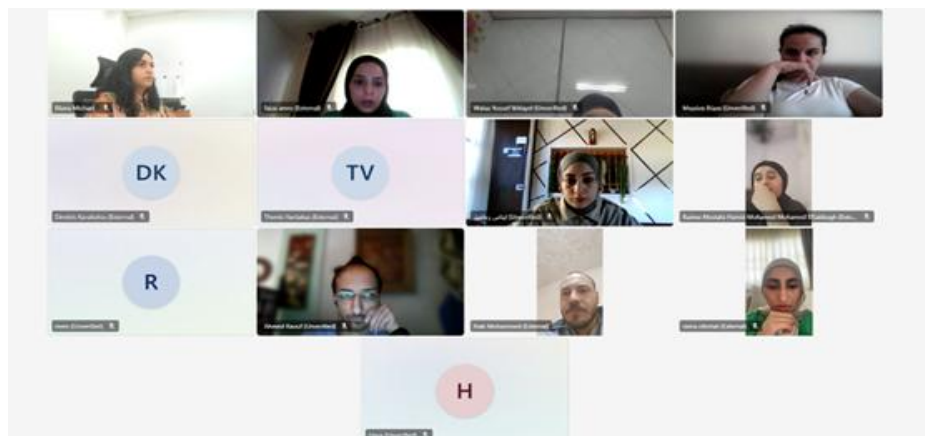
During the project, the consortium developed two complete VET programmes: one focused on **Entrepreneurial Competences (EntreComp)** and another on **Key Competences (ERF)**. The training materials and curricula were co-designed and co-developed by all partners and were aligned with **EQF Level 5**. The partnership implemented the full cycle of both programmes — from design and piloting to validation — ensuring the **transferability and sustainability** of the results.

A major innovation of EMSA was the **validation of non-formal learning** through the internationally recognised **ISO 17024** standard. This allowed learners to have their newly acquired competences formally recognised, thus enhancing their **employability** and **personal development**.



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As part of the EMSA project, **assessments were conducted for both the EntreComp and ERF programmes** to evaluate the competences developed by the learners. Participants from all partner countries took part in the examinations, which were designed according to the ISO 17024 standard to ensure international recognition and transparency of results.



For the **EntreComp** programme, a total of **70 individuals** were examined, of whom **59 successfully completed** the assessment and obtained certification. Regarding the **ERF** programme, **9 individuals** were examined, and **all successfully passed** the assessment. The next ERF examination is scheduled to take place on **31 October**, with a **high number of participants expected**.

These results demonstrated the effectiveness of the training methodology and reflected the strong collaboration among all partner institutions.

Throughout its lifetime, EMSA carried out a series of **capacity-building activities**, including joint workshops, training sessions for master trainers, and online learning events that promoted knowledge exchange and best practices between European and third-country VET institutions. The project also promoted the integration of **ICT tools** and **action learning methodologies** in vocational training, strengthening both **digital** and **pedagogical competences** among trainers.

The **impact** of EMSA extended beyond the consortium. VET providers in Egypt, Jordan, and Palestine improved their capacity to design and implement competence-based programmes, aligning their curricula with European standards. Trainers enhanced their skills through co-training activities, while learners developed crucial entrepreneurial and key competences that support their **employability** and **active citizenship**.

Dissemination activities played a vital role in the project's success. EMSA published six newsletters and eight press releases, developed a multilingual project brochure, maintained an active website and social media presence, and organised four **national dissemination events** and one **international closing conference** hosted by **MMC**. A final **project video** captured the experiences of trainers and learners, highlighting the key milestones achieved throughout implementation.

With EMSA now almost completed, its **outcomes — including curricula, training materials, and validation tools — remain accessible** for future use by VET institutions across Europe and partner countries, ensuring lasting impact and continued collaboration in the field of vocational education and training.

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