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Breaking barriers to cross-border cooperation

Overcoming cross-border obstacles: apprenticeship and recognition of qualifications















Language barriers, recognition of acquired skills... there are still many obstacles to Cross-Border vocational training. Through this session, we want to discuss about solutions to remove these barriers

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Cross border DUAL Vocational Training in the Euroregion Galicia Norte Portugal

The **EGTC Galicia North Portugal** will discuss the development of a **cross-border apprenticeship pilot project**. It will present the obstacles and solutions identified for the implementation of cross-border dual training between Northern Portugal and Galicia. Solutions to financial, administrative and logistical obstacles will be provided. In particular, the results of the **B-Solutions case study on social security costs and credits** for companies hosting students and on the **certification of vocational qualifications** in both countries will be highlighted.

Mobility leading to certification in the automotive sector between France and Spain

The **EGTC Euroregion New-Aquitaine Euskadi Navarra** will highlight the methodology developed to achieve certifying mobility in the automotive sector (INTERREF FORMA NAEN project). The different stages to be overcome will be outlined, as well as the conditions necessary to formalise cooperation agreements between training centres and certifying bodies for the bilateral recognition of blocks of skills acquired in a neighbouring country.

Time will be allocated to an exchange with participants to discuss other Cross-Border incentives, the steps needed to move towards the recognition of vocational training diplomas and the implementation of Cross-Border apprenticeships. We want to answer the question: what are the needs, the obstacles, the opportunities, and the perspectives at Cross-Border level?











