

THE ROMANIAN ENERGY CENTER ASSOCIATION CONTRIBUTED AT THE 3rd INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY BOARD OF EDDIE PROJECT

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The Romanian Energy Center (CRE) Association Team participated and contributed at the 3rd International Advisory Board (IAB) of EDDIE Project – „*Education for Digitalization of Energy*”, which took place in the Online Environment. This important Meeting was organized by the Project Coordinator COMILLAS Pontifical University, on Thursday, 25th of November 2021. The role of Education in the Digital Era for Digitalization will create the framework for EDDIE Project to take part in the decision-making process of Digitalization of the European Energy Sector (DEES). CRE Association expanded its Research and Innovation portfolio, in 2020, through the European Project [EDDIE](#), funded by the European Commission (EC) under the ERASMUS+ Program.

The main objective of [EDDIE](#) Project aims at creating a Sector Skills Alliance (SSA) by bringing together all the relevant stakeholders in the Energy value chain such as industry, education and training providers, European organizations, recruiters, social partners, and public authorities. The main objective of this SSA is to develop a long-driven Blueprint for the DEES to enable the matching between the current and future demand of skills necessary and the supply of improved Vocational Education and Training (VET) systems and beyond.

The 3rd [International Advisory Board Meeting](#) highlighted interesting and significant topics for the development of the project, the feedback, dissemination and stakeholders' campaign, best practices in education for Vocational Education and Training, university and continuous learning, blueprint strategy and latest actions on stakeholders mapping. Dissemination activities within EDDIE Project which includes social media interactions, exploitation of the results, various actions on EDDIE's website were addressed in the 3rd IAB Meeting. Within the dissemination activities, EDDIE consortium started a new topic on its website addressing relevant policy briefs for the Digitalization of the Energy Sector. The main objective consists in informing the interested audience about critical subjects regarding Energy, Digitalization, Skills and Competences in terms of new strategies, regulations, and directives at European Union (EU) level.

The Agenda of the 3rd IAB Meeting pointed out the Quality Assessment Report for the First Analysis of the Survey submitted to all IAB members. A 2nd quality assessment report was conducted in the shape of another survey. In this context, EDDIE project aims to improve Education and Training in the new era of the Digitalization of the Energy System and complements its strategy based on IAB members' feedback.

Furthermore, in terms of the latest actions on stakeholders mapping, one of the activities developed during the last few months is the technical improvement of the current DataBase, with the support of NTT Data as a member of the EDDIE Consortium. In the context of Best Practices in Education Sector, within the Work Package 4 (WP), EDDIE Representatives focused on the submission of three deliverables which were due in December 2021. These deliverables were related to the analysis and identification of the Best Practices in VET, Universities and Lifelong Learning – different types of training/educational providers.

The feedback from the IAB members was positive with comments on the work that has been done and the strategy of EDDIE towards the right direction. Remarks were made on the importance of upskilling and reskilling in all sectors and for the energy sector at the transition.

The International Advisory Board plays a key role as an independent external quality consultant in the project, and it is providing requirements and inputs on goals and issues, monitoring project milestones, and supporting with final feedback on results and future expectations in other sectors and other blueprints.

The digital transformation plays an important role in European Projects funded by the European Commission. In this regard, [CRE](#) Association is constantly preoccupied to create synergies between the telecommunications, energy and transport sectors in terms of investments in ICT, Digitalization and Infrastructure.

Innovation projects are a priority for CRE, for its Members and for all entities that have related concerns in this field. CRE is in a continuous development and aims to successfully implement 11 European Projects, funded by the European Commission through the H2020 and Erasmus+ Programs, in which it is a member, together with its Partners.

