

**ROMANIAN ENERGY CENTER ASSOCIATION IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT EDDIE PROJECT SUCCESSFULLY RECEIVED THE APPROVAL LETTER OF THE MID-TERM REPORT**

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**The representatives of the Romanian Energy Center (CRE) Association are pleased to announce that EDDIE Project – “*EDucation for Digitalization of Energy*” has recently received the Approval letter of the Mid-Term Report submitted on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022, from the European Education and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA), with a total score of 80 out of 100. The approval is based on the assessment undertaken by the Agency.**

The European Education and Culture Executive Agency is an executive agency of the European Commission (EC) based in Brussels, Belgium. It manages parts of the European Commission's funding programmes in education, culture, media, sport, youth, citizenship and humanitarian aid. On behalf of the European Commission, [EACEA](#) strives to foster innovation in these areas, always in a spirit of cross-border cooperation and mutual respect.

The Agency has provided important recommendations and comments for the implementation of the EDDIE Project, with reference to the following aspects: Relevance of the Project Results; Quality of the Project Design and Implementation; Project Consortium and Cooperation Arrangements, and Impact and Dissemination Activities. In addition, a brief analysis of each deliverable that was due for the reporting period was provided by the Agency.

The EACEA underlined that the EDDIE project has proceeded according with the Work Programme and delivered the planned outcomes without major delays. The outcomes from the project are ample and the reports on identification of the skills gaps and the current and future skill needs in the Energy Sector in Europe are useful for a wide range of stakeholders and were disseminated to key target groups and stakeholders.

Moreover, the assessment confirmed that the project implementation is on schedule and no major delays have occurred, and the project management has been adequate and efficient based on the detailed and relevant documentation provided. The Agency emphasized that the project consortium is working well and in a balanced way according to the plans. Communication and cooperation between partners are working adequately after some minor issues in the beginning of the project. The frequency of meetings and progress reporting demonstrates a well-functioning consortium, despite the COVID-19 barriers.

The Impact and Dissemination Activities within the project are manifold and sufficient to reach the target audience and the Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) set for the dissemination activities have been reached. From the first year to second year, the activities intensity has clearly increased.

The sector skills strategy, including the creation of an independent “entity” to manage the EDDIE platform, is built upon partnerships with all the relevant stakeholders in the Energy value chain (such as industry, education and training providers, and public authorities) and in collaboration and synergies with other blueprint projects relevant for the digitalization of energy (cybersecurity, blockchain etc.). The platform and the trial demonstrations will cover the digital tools, training modules, documents, jobs offer, occupational profiles, training programmes, recruiting activities etc., searchable by EQF levels, contents, and other relevant attributes. Due to the second year of operation, ensuring the sustainability of the project after its ending is being subject to planning, in connection of developing the approach for the sector skills strategy. Stronger efforts and including more elements in the discussion will be followed, such as consideration of digital platforms and tools, stronger dialogues with relevant groups (e.g. VET or Life-Long Learning providers, focusing on realistic self-contained and self-financed models, etc.).

CRE is a partner in [EDDIE](#) Project, an Erasmus+ funded by the EU Commission aiming at creating a Sector Skills Alliance (SSA) by bringing together all the relevant stakeholders in the Energy value chain. The main objective of this SSA is to develop a long-driven Blueprint for the energy sector to enable the matching between the current and future demand of skills necessary and the supply of improved Vocational Education and Training systems and beyond.

CRE already implemented five European H2020 Projects: [SUCCESS](#), [RESERVE](#), [NRG5](#), [WISEGRID](#), [SOGNO](#), and is currently implementing other six projects: [CROSSBOW](#), [PHOENIX](#), [TRINITY](#), [EDDIE](#), [EDGEFLEX](#) and [CYBERSEAS](#).

CRE Association is an active and strategic partner together with its members and other potential members in international consortia for deploying energy projects funded by the European Commission.

