

PRESENTING THE PIONEERING MOSAIC CENTRES OF VOCATIONAL EXCELLENCE PROJECT SUPPORTING THE ARTS & CRAFTS SECTOR

Welcome to MOSAIC Project

MOSAIC consortium partners warmly welcome you to this pioneering Centres of Vocational Excellence (CoVEs) initiative dedicated to foster advancement in the Arts & Crafts sector through Vocational Education and Training (VET).

In its commitment to strengthen such vital domain, and to contribute for the modernisation of VET systems across Europe, MOSAIC aims to achieve the following key objectives:

- Enhance and optimise collaborative frameworks among Industry, Research and Development institutions, and VET centres, fostering a synergistic environment of mutual fertilisation.
- Elevate the quality and relevance of VET provision in Arts and Crafts through the development and implementation of innovative training contents and pedagogical approaches.
- Promote internationalisation and the adoption of transnational strategies to effectively address the evolving landscape of VET and societal needs.
- Facilitate future-oriented VET through the integration of digital and inclusive methodologies and tools.

MOSAIC directly addresses contemporary digital, environmental, and socio-economic transformations by fostering inclusive lifelong learning pathways, aligned with key European strategic frameworks such as the European Green Deal, the Digital Education Action Plan, the European Skills Agenda, and Council Recommendation on Vocational Education and Training for sustainable competitiveness, social fairness and resilience (2020). MOSAIC also drives novel approaches to skills partnerships, thereby contributing to a more resilient and autonomous Europe, in accordance with the objectives of the Union of Skills.

MOSAIC consortium partners represent VET and Higher Education Institutions, private industry and organisations, and networks that work in support of the sector, from Europe, Canada and Armenia:



MOSAIC Consortium

What are the main challenges faced by the Arts & Crafts sector and how is MOSAIC addressing them?

Main Challenge

Outdated VET Provision: Risk of VET courses lagging behind advancements in technology and labour market skills demands.

MOSAIC Solution

Sector-Specific Skills: Development of modern tools and practices, as well as innovative training modules aimed at VET learners, directly related to the technical skills of four macro-sectors: traditional & rare crafts, precious metals & jewellery, furniture & wood, and design arts & industry.

Main Challenge

Lack of Entrepreneurial Training: Need for stronger entrepreneurial skills among Arts & Crafts professionals, particularly in areas like finance, marketing, and navigating market penetration

MOSAIC Solution

Entrepreneurial Skills: Recognising the importance of business acumen, specifically focusing on marketing, digital communication, and social business models. Recognising that craft professionals sorely need this training, often addressed in curriculums in a cursory way.

Main Challenge

Digital Divide and Integration: Integrating digital technologies into traditional crafts, addressing both the need for digital skills and the potential communication gap between experienced masters and digital-native learners.

MOSAIC Solution

Digital Skills: The integration of digital methodologies and tools in VET is a key component, aiming to enhance digital skills both for VET learners and teachers.

Main Challenge

Social Inclusion: Need for promoting access to training and employment opportunities for individuals with fewer opportunities.

MOSAIC Solution

Transversal Skills: The project implicitly addresses transversal skills through innovative learning formats such as the Hackathon methodology.

Main Challenge

There is also an urgent need for better collaboration between educational providers, applied research and industry to drive innovation and to ensure the relevance and quality of the training provision, which will support the growth of the sector.

MOSAIC Solution

MOSAIC has developed a set of **Policy Recommendations** to support fostering collaboration between education, R&D, and industry to address skill gaps, promote innovation in the Culture and Creative Industries, and improve VET to align with evolving labour market needs, including technological innovation.

MOSAIC Results include:

Research Reports aimed to support decision-making processes	Training Modules aimed to modernise VET provision	"Crafting the Future" European Arts and Crafts Observatory - An interactive hub for key stakeholders
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● "List of Recommendations on how to foster R&D in VET centers"; ● "Skills needs assessment for the arts and crafts sector"; ● "Exploring the dimensions of social inclusion in vocational education in arts and crafts"; ● "Digital Teaching Report"; ● "Environmental Education Report"; ● "New economic and social business models to support young entrepreneurs". 	<p>For VET Teachers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Digitalisation ● Social Inclusion ● The Hackathon Methodology <p>For VET Learners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Future of Making in Wood ● 3D Modelling with Rhino 7 ● 3D Printing ● Creating your own Professional Portfolio ● Eco-Design ● Entrepreneurship ● The 2020's Jewellery Industry 	<p>Provides detailed information, tools and know-how to VET Centres, Craftspeople and Chambers of Commerce, Teachers and Learners, Researchers, and to Policy and Decision makers, in search for modernising and fostering the excellence of VET in the Arts and Crafts sector.</p> <p>"Crafting the Future" showcases MOSAIC results, initiatives, experiments and discussions around VET in and Arts and Crafts domains.</p>

All **MOSAIC results, resources and platforms** are available on its website, at <https://mosaiceuproject.eu/>

We invite you to:

- **Utilise MOSAIC research findings**, leveraging the project's data and analysis that support making informed policy decisions;
- **Support the adoption of MOSAIC training modules and tools** within the VET systems;
- **Invest in Sustainability** by supporting initiatives that ensure the long-term visibility of the Arts & Crafts sector.

Through **strategic collaboration**, we possess the capacity to fully realise the inherent potential of the Arts & Crafts sector and ensure its enduring role as a significant catalyst for economic advancement, the enrichment of cultural heritage, and the promotion of societal well-being.