

Leonardo da Vinci

European Dairymen



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The Danish Dairy Employers' Association**



The Challenge

Dairy manufacturing educations vary greatly across Europe when it comes to technical content and pedagogical strategy in education. Transparency and recognition of competencies across borders are met with extensive difficulties. This is an obstacle for the mobility of European labour force and young people's opportunities to qualify themselves with acquired skills from abroad. There is a need for a European effort to promote approval of qualifications and competencies between countries. This will in advance make Vocational Educational Training (VET) more attractive to young people. In concrete terms there is a need for a procedure, or a tool/instrument, for the European dairy industry with their respective dairy educational programmes to utilise. This will enable them to evaluate qualifications and recognise the merits of an overseas work experience.

The Outcome

The project aims to help dairymen make their qualifications and skills better understood and recognised throughout Europe.

The project is based on former projects, among others VQTS (Vocational Qualification Transfer System), which is a project that has developed methods to describe and identify qualifications and competencies. The "European Dairymen" project will use these methods to develop European standards for dairy manufacturing educations.

The project will also develop a credit transfer system similar to ECTS. The results of the project – the common European standards and credit transfer system – will be used by AEDIL (European Dairy Technology Diploma-Holders Association) and will be integrated with AEDIL's vocational education passport.

The mobility of young people and the labour force within the dairy manufacturing industry will be improved by the increased transparency and greater compatibility.

Objectives

- Induce transparency in education in the dairy industry
- Support the youth exchange in the dairy field

Target groups

- European Educational Institutions involved in dairy manufacturing
- The European dairy manufacturing industry

Expected results

- Develop "The Dairymen EU standards"
- "The Dairymen EU standards" will complement AEDIL's vocational education passport
- Develop a European Credit Transfer System for the dairy manufacturing educations



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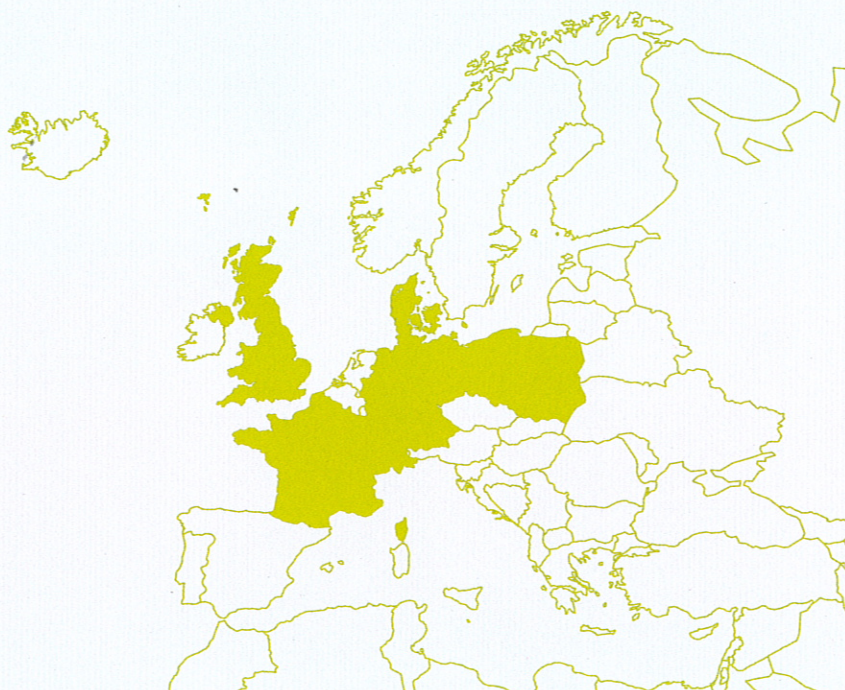
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