



Definition of competences at European level for the recognition of the qualification

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An Erasmus+ funded project focused on the Missing People and Children phenomena in Europe

Coordinated by Basilicata Regional Employment and Learning Agency – ARLAB (IT), LOST2 *Definition of competences at European level for the recognition of the qualification* was an ambitious project launched in January 2023 and concluded in May 2025.

Funded by Erasmus+ Programme, LOST2 aimed to address the growing issue of Missing People and Missing Children in Europe by contributing for the innovation of the Continuous Vocational Education and Training (VET) sector, while promoting social inclusion. With 200 000 children reported missing and only 33% being found each year, LOST2 recognised the need to establish a comprehensive European system of search and rescue, which required the definition of a new core job profile (“Experts in the research of Missing people & and minors”) and the implementation of a high-level training programme across the EU.

As such, during its two years of implementation, the 9 institutions that comprise LOST2 pan-European consortium (EfVET (European Forum of Technical and Vocational Education and Training) – BE; The Smile of the Child and P-Consulting - GR; SOS Desaparecidos – ES; ARLAB, OMNIS and SIULP (Union of Italian Workers Unitary Police) – IT; EUROMASC – NO; and APCD (Portuguese Association of Missing Children) - PT) cooperated for the implementation of all foreseen project activities (including focus groups, desk research, interviews and pilot sessions) which led to the development of the following LOST2 main results:

- Reports focused on the national contexts of the Missing People and Children phenomena;
- Competence Dictionary (the basis for the design and development of LOST2 new job profile and training programme);
- “Experts in the research of Missing people & and minors” training programme, comprised of the following 7 courses and their respective training materials, publicly available at LOST2 website:

Course 0 “Preventing and mitigating abduction”

Course 2 “Family Support”

Course 4 “Data collection and analysis”

Course 1 “Assistance and Prevention”

Course 3 “Research and Implementation”

Course 5 “Finalisation of Investigation”

Course 6 “The identification of an unnamed body”

LOST2 results will benefit law enforcement services and public institutions, Missing People/Children associations helping them and supporting families. They will benefit Migration authorities and their hotline operators, guardianship institutions, child protection Non-Governmental Organisations and associations working with immigration, and last but not least



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families and local communities and the European Parliament Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs.

LOST2 Partners working in the areas addressed by the project will uptake the project's results and used them to train their own search and rescue teams, an opportunity to upskilling and/or reskilling professionals.

Moreover, other organisations with which LOST2 partners signed a Letter of Agreement in their own countries will use LOST2 results not only to train their staff, but also to advocate for the need to have a national and/or European common frameworks and standards aimed to support all above mentioned professionals and to contribute for the robustness of the European search and rescue system, with support from policy and decision makers.

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