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The **HABITABLE** project is an innovative response to one of the biggest problems of the **housing sector** at European level: the **shortage of workers** in the sector, trained in the necessary **digitalisation and green transition skills**. At the same time, it promotes inclusion and equity in education. Its objective is clear: to improve the responsiveness of **Vocational Education and Training (VET)** in a **Habitat “skills ecosystem”**.

Supported by funding from the **European Union** through the **ERASMUS+ CoVE programme**, this initiative is poised to make a meaningful impact in both housing and education across Europe.

WBL for ALL Space: Advancing Social Inclusion and Equity in Work-Based Learning

We are thrilled to introduce the **WBL for ALL Space**, a dynamic and multilingual digital platform designed to promote **social inclusion, diversity, and equity** within the **Habitat sector**.

The platform is packed with valuable resources that help **companies, VET centers, and social partners** with transforming their Work-Based Learning (WBL) initiatives into inclusive and opportunity-driven programs.

apprenticeships:

- **Bank of Good Practices:** A collection of **successful projects** and **innovative approaches** demonstrating how WBL can be leveraged to create **inclusive, non-discriminatory**, and **gender-equal** learning environments.
- **Recommendations for the Habitat Skills Ecosystem:** A comprehensive guide offering **actionable insights** for designing **inclusive apprenticeships** that ensure **equal opportunities** for all learners, including those with **special needs** or fewer opportunities.

This digital hub will be an invaluable resource for all **CoVE network members**, helping to integrate inclusive practices into every apprenticeship programme. Ready to take your WBL initiatives to the next level and contribute to a more **equitable workforce**? Join us in creating impactful, **inclusive learning experiences** across the Habitat sector. The WBL for ALL Space is available here:

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Bank of Good Practices – Driving Social Inclusion through Work-Based Learning

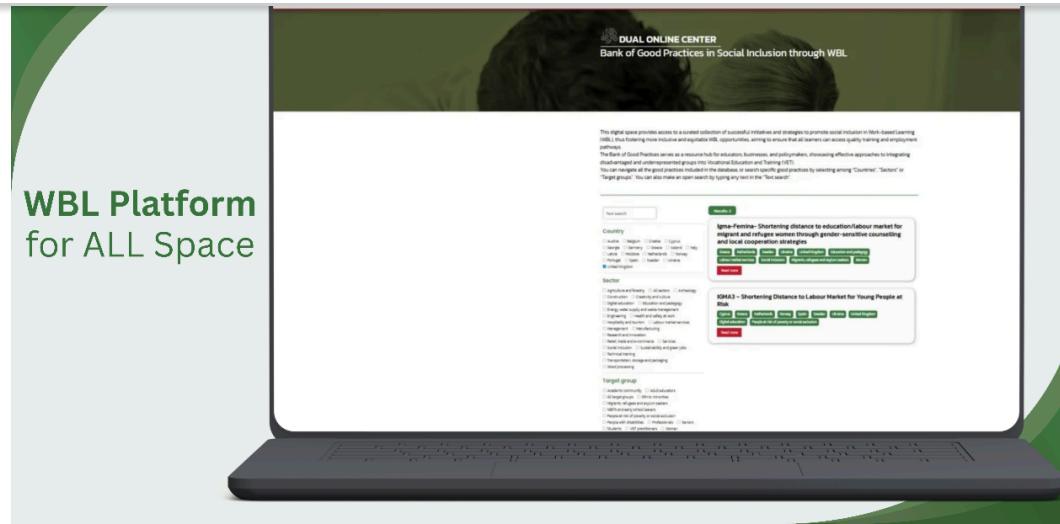
The **Bank of Good Practices** is a cornerstone of the **WBL for ALL Space**, offering a **rich digital repository** packed with **innovative practices** that promote **social inclusion, diversity, and equity** in the **Habitat sector**.

This invaluable collection features **multilingual resources, case studies, and successful projects** that showcase how **Work-Based Learning** can be a powerful tool for advancing **gender equality, non-discrimination, and inclusion**.

With an intuitive search engine, you can easily access a wealth of resources tailored to your specific needs, whether you're a **VET center, training provider, company, or social partner**.

The **Bank of Good Practices** offers actionable insights and practical examples to help you create a **more inclusive and diverse apprenticeship environment**. Start exploring today and enhance your WBL initiatives with proven strategies that make a real difference in promoting **equitable opportunities** by accessing the Bank of Good Practices here:

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Transforming Apprenticeships – Practical Recommendations for Inclusive Work-Based Learning

The **Recommendations for the Habitat Skills Ecosystem** is your go-to guide for designing **inclusive apprenticeships** that foster **social inclusion, diversity, and equity**.

Created for **companies, VET centers, policy-makers**, and all other stakeholders, this multilingual guide offers **actionable recommendations** for integrating inclusive practices into **Work-Based Learning** programs.

This comprehensive document provides practical steps to help you design **gender-equal, non-discriminatory, and accessible apprenticeship schemes** that ensure opportunities for **underrepresented groups** and those with **special needs**.

apprenticeship programs and ensure they are aligned with **Best Practices** in social equity.

The guide is available in the **WBL for ALL Space** of the **DUAL Online Centre**, ensuring easy access for all involved in **Work-Based Learning**. Ready to drive positive change in the **Habitat sector**? Start implementing these **practical tools** today and create apprenticeships that are **inclusive** and **forward-thinking**.

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What's coming this year

Innovative Curricula Digital Database

The **Innovative Curricula Digital Database** is an online database full of **innovative curricula** and **teaching resources** in the Habitat ecosystem. The database is being developed as part of WP4 - Skills Hub under the leadership of INFODEF and includes, among other things:

- Set of **technical skills** for new and emerging occupations
- **Skills** necessary for the **digital** and **green transition**
- **Key competencies** and **Work-Readiness Skills**
- Innovative **learner-centred teaching practices** and methods for VET

Equipped with a **search tool** to ensure that you can quickly and easily access the information that is relevant to you, the online digital database will be available [here](#) from April 2026.

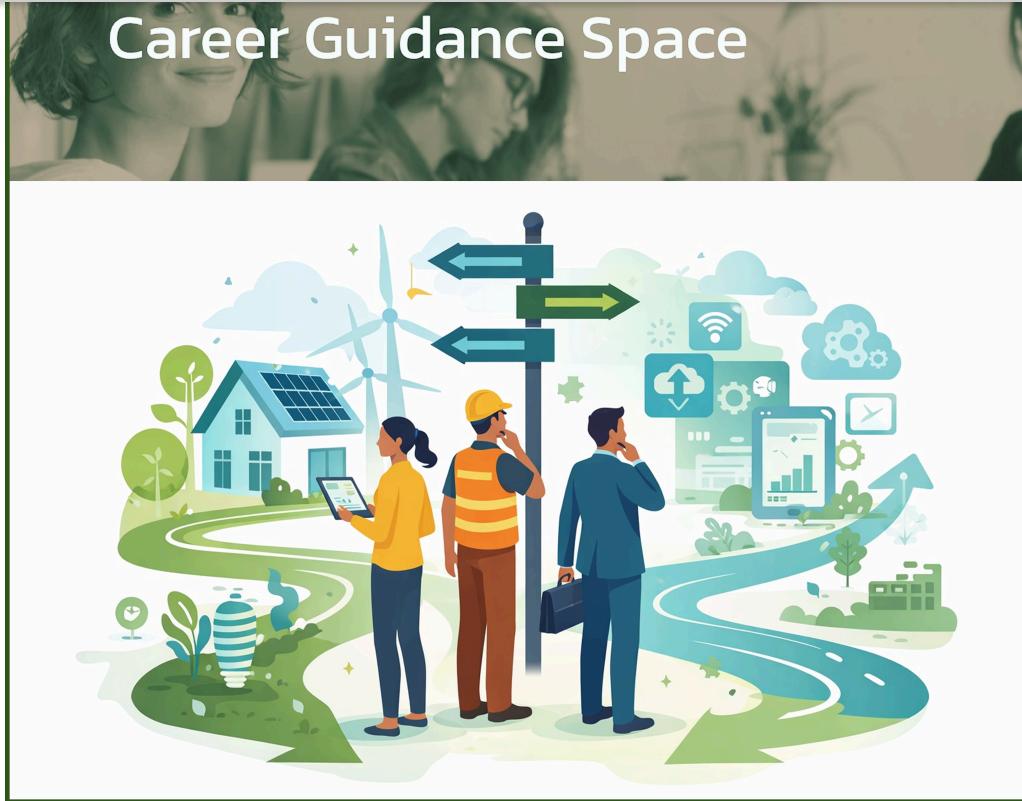


Career Guidance Handbook for the Habitat Sector

This practical resource supports **career guidance and lifelong learning** pathways in the Habitat sector. It will provide structured guidance on emerging occupations, required skills, and training opportunities, with a focus on the **green and digital transitions**.

The Career Guidance Handbook will address learners, professionals and trainers, offering **practical tools** and **Good Practices** suitable for everyone, as well as supporting alignment with **European frameworks**.

It is being developed within WP4 – Skills Hub, under the coordination of Aveiro University, and will be available in digital format in the second semester of 2026 for download through the HABITABLE SKILLS HUB platform, within the Career Guidance Space, accessible [here](#).



SMEs Quality Apprenticeship Supporting Programme

The **SMEs Quality Apprenticeship Supporting Programme** is designed to help small and medium-sized enterprises to participate in **high-quality apprenticeship training programmes**.

Led by FH Salzburg as part of WP 3 - Dual Online Centre, the programme will be completed in May 2026. It's structured around **four key areas**:

- Developing a more **green** and **digital quality apprenticeship programme**

- **Post-training transitions and evaluation**

The programme will provide practical tools and **Best Practices** to support the **digital and green transition**. Additionally it pays special attention to promoting **diversity, shared values and equality**.

Once completed, the programme will be integrated into the DUAL Online Center on the Habitable website and will be accessible [here](#).



More to come!

There is even more to look forward to this year:

The **Training course on design and management of Green, Digital and Inclusive Apprenticeship** will be completed at the beginning of 2026. The course is tailored to VET teachers

The Training course, as well as a variety of other MOOCs, will be available on the **Online Training Platform**. The multilingual platform will help VET teachers and in-company trainers adapt training to the changing green and digital transitions. MOOCs on topics such as Digital Skills, Extended Reality, Work-Readiness Skills, etc. will be available [here](#).

The **MIC - Micro-credentials Certification Center** is being developed to validate courses in the Online Training Center as well as prior learning. The MIC enables the certification and validation of short-term learning experiences and previously acquired competences in the Habitat sector, which will be available [here](#).

The **SMART Career Guidance Assistant** is a multilingual assistant that offers personalized career guidance based on AI. By analyzing user profiles, including their skills, interests, and learning history, the assistant identifies potential career opportunities as well as skill gaps and links these to other project results (such as the Sector Map of Jobs and Skills). It will be accessible [here](#).

YouTube channel now active!

Good news! The Habitable YouTube channel is now active.

The first videos have already been uploaded.



Click on the YouTube icon to watch the first video.



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