

The proposal seeks to transfer and combine the innovative results of two projects: the project CAST- Competencies and Skills in Tourism (ES/03/B/PP- 149018) and the project WET- Evaluation of Competencies in the Sector of Water Treatment (ES/07/LLP-LdV/TOI/149056). CAST project analyses the professional skills in the hotel sector of its partner countries, which have been affected by the introduction of ICT and their recognition and accreditation at a European level. The innovative result which is being transferred from the project CAST is an accreditation methodology which facilitates the recognition of skills acquired through informal and non-formal activities in the sector. The project WET is a project which has been concluded in September 2009. The result which has been developed, and which is going to be transferred in the NIREAS project, is the professional profile for the operator of Wastewater Treatment Stations. This is a professional profile which was based in the European Quality Framework (EQF) model and which describes analytically the skills and competencies, the professional performances and the performance criteria for this particular job.

The accreditation methodology from the project CAST is going to be transferred (1) from a sectoral approach from the hospitality sector to the WRM sector (from this approach the adaptations will be limited since some parts of the methodology have already been transferred to the sector in the framework of the WET project). (2) from a geographical approach since the results of the project will be transferred to new European countries (Romania, Portugal) and regions (Andalucia) that were not part of the former consortium. (3) it will be adapted in the specific requirements of the certification and accreditation of skills and competencies obtained through e-learning courses.

The professional profile from the WET project will be transferred within the same sector. The skills of the profile have been specified but there are not available training materials. Therefore, the WET professional profile will be used as the basis for the development of the e-learning material. The contents of the e-learning modules will have to provide the learners with the skills and competencies as they are described in the profile (even if emphasis will be given to the skills and competencies described in the profile for which gaps will be detected during the initial study).