

# EDGE PROJECT

Enhancing the Delivery of Guidance & Employability

PORTUGAL MEETING September 2016



The EDGE Project is an Erasmus+ KA2 strategic partnership between Ireland (coordinator), Wales, Austria, Greece and Portugal. The project runs from 2015-2017 and is aimed at improving guidance provision and employability skills for unemployed mature and young adults who are participating on our education and training schemes. This aim will be achieved through the development of innovative career planning tools that will enhance and support our existing career guidance provision.



The EDGE Project has just completed its fourth international meeting which took place in Fatima, Portugal. The focus of this meeting was to review the feedback from our Open Badges pilot study, to upskill all partners on the ePortfolio use and design, and to prepare the final report. Our last transnational meeting will take place in Limerick, Ireland, at the end of November. As well as completing our EDGE Project outputs at the Limerick meeting, we will also host a national dissemination event which will showcase the EDGE Open Badges and ePortfolio final products.

We are pleased to announce that the EDGE Project was selected as a 'best practice' exemplar by the Portuguese national agency and was shown at one of their national events which was attended by the NA Director, a representative from the Portuguese Ministry of Education and the VET national agency director.



## Open Badges

The EDGE Open Badges are now in the final stage of completion, taking into account the recommendations from the pilot study. These recommendations relate to the assessment criteria, the badge graphics and how they are displayed as well as the naming and focus of some of the badges. All updated badges will be on the website ([www.edgeproject.eu](http://www.edgeproject.eu)) before our final meeting in Limerick, Ireland in November. The intention is that partners can begin to roll them out to teachers and learners in 2017.



We have also finalised our Open Badge creating, issuing and storing system which will enable teachers and learners across the partnership to develop new badges. We have integrated quality assurance into the system with the setting up of individual partner verification committees as well as an overarching EDGE Project verification committee to ensure that standards and quality are maintained.







Welcome to EDGE Project

EDGE Project aims to develop innovative approaches (career guidance, learner engagement strategies, self-evaluation tools, e-learning resources) in the provision of employability skills development.

The EDGE (Enhancing the Delivery of Guidance and Employability) Project aims to assist in the progression to promote social inclusion and equality measures. Information on the project and partners can be found at <http://edgeproject.eu>.

This is a sandbox for developing the learning materials and for demonstrating the exporting of learner files to an ePortfolio system using Mahara.

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## ePORTFOLIO

The first working version of the EDGE Project ePortfolio was presented at the Portugal meeting. The ePortfolio consists of a Moodle-based Guidance and Employability course which enables the learner to collate their skills and achievements. This feeds directly into the Mahara-based ePortfolio where the learner has a choice of using simple pre-built templates or designing their own 'space' to showcase their achievements and accomplishments to date (including any Open Badges they may have been awarded). Selected pages, using secret URLs, can then be shared with prospective employers or educational organisations. The EDGE Project is also creating online resources and guidelines to help learners navigate their way around ePortfolios.





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