

[PRESS RELEASE] Boosting Knowledge of Adhesive Bonding Personnel

KNOWBOND project addresses the need to increase the ability and promptness of Vocational Education and Training (VET) providers to manage an effective shift towards digital and flexible technologies for a systematic approach regarding the initial and continuous education of adhesive bonding professionals.

The topic of adhesive bonding technology personnel qualification is gaining cross-industry relevance, namely within railway, automotive, wind energy industry, transport industry, machine and plant construction industry, general industry. For more than 25 years, there has been an internationally recognized qualification system for professions and activities in the field of adhesive bonding technology, which is cross-industry product-neutral and target group-oriented. However, within the EUROPEAN ADHESIVE BONDER (EAB) current qualification, there is no possibility for individuals to develop and certify knowledge and skills related with specific professional activities as they are being required within their workplace.

In KNOWBOND, the EAB curricula will be restructured and implemented in the existing EWF qualification system in such a way that recognition of these acquired professional skills will enable shortened participation in the EAB courses.

The project will have a significant impact across Europe, as it will bridge the existing gap between the educational offer and industrial demand concerning specific Adhesive Bonding activities at the EAB level, thus covering the need to qualify personnel working in this technological field. At the same time, it will address the specific VET priorities of fostering the innovation of training programs in alignment with the market specific needs, thus fostering its implementation in other VET systems across Europe.

By reviewing a European industry-lead profile and testing specific digital-based tools for learning widely recognized as International Qualifications in alignment with the industry requirements, the project will directly contribute for the promotion of new upskilling pathways and simultaneously the creation and development of flexible learning offers adapted to the learning needs of individuals and companies.

KNOWBOND partners are from five EU countries Portugal, Germany, Austria, Spain, Slovenia. It will run for 24 months, started on 1.12.2021 to 30.11.2023. You can find more information at <https://www.ewf.be/projects.aspx>

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