

## Stop Dropout!

### **Which stakeholders were involved in identifying needs and in the planning and design of the measure?**

Stop Dropout! is an EU-funded Transfer of Innovation Project (period 2009-2011), that builds on the findings of the PPS project, which received the “Best Practice Guidance Award” in 2007. Within this project the analysis and counselling instruments, which are successfully implemented in Norway and Iceland, are transferred to Austria, Germany, Slovenia and Czechia and adapted to the national context.

The EU project involved the following project partners:

- Blickpunkt Identität <http://www.blickpunkt-identitaet.eu>
- Bundeshandelsakademie und Bundeshandelsschule Wien 10 <http://www.bhakwien10.at>
- Learning for Life - ucici (se) organizace <http://learning4life.eu>
- Soukroma Stredni odborná škola a Soukrome odborne uciliste BEAN s.r.o. <http://www.bean.cz>
- Verein fuer Arbeit und Kultur e.V. <http://www.kultur-und-arbeit.de>
- Listahaskoli Islands <http://Lhi.is>
- University of Iceland, Faculty of social and human sciences <http://www.hi.is>
- Vennesla videregaende skole <http://www.waf.no>
- INTEGRA, Institut za razvoj človeških virov <http://www.eu-integra.eu>
- Javni zavod Korosko visje in visokosolsko sredisce <http://www.ko-vivis.si>

### **Who was involved in implementing the measure?**

As part of the project, the Stop Dropout products have been piloted in Austria at a College for Higher Vocational Education in Vienna (HAK Wien 10) and at supra-company training facilities (Überbetriebliche Lehrausbildung) in Lower Austria in close cooperation with Blickpunkt Identität. Since 2011 the questionnaire has been further developed. It is used by Youth Coaches in different types of upper secondary schools as well as in supra-company apprenticeship training.

### **Who has key responsibility for implementation?**

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### **How are the different people involved in implementation being supported (e.g. do they receive specific training?)**

In Austria the Stop Dropout Questionnaire is used by Youth Coaches. In order to get access to the online questionnaire they have to attend a specific training in which they are prepared to assess the results of the questionnaire, i.e. to identify students at risk of dropping out.

**Is there a monitoring/evaluation system in place?** Yes.

### **What is monitored?**

It is tested whether the tools are suitable for the target audience and also if the number of students at risk of dropping out declines ([Linde/Linde-Leimer 2014](#))

### **Who monitors and how?**

The researchers of Blickpunkt Identität conducted some pilot projects to test the tools :

- at a College for Higher Vocational Education in Vienna in 2011

- in the context of Supra-Company Training in Lower Austria in 2011
- at two Pre-vocational schools in Vienna in 2013 ([Linde/Linde-Leimer 2014](#))

**What has been the impact of the measure?**

The number of students at risk of dropping out (i.e. students with grade “unsatisfactory” in three subjects or more) at the pilot school (College for Higher Vocational Education in Vienna) is reduced by 78% ([Linde/Linde-Leimer 2013](#)).

**What resources are involved (material, space, amount of funding)?**

There are five different versions of the questionnaire, which focus on 13-14 risk factors and consist of 120-150 questions. The risk factors include ([Linde/Linde-Leimer 2013](#)):

- Willingness to learn / participation
- Social behaviour / attendance
- Learning behaviour / learning methods
- Determination / ambition
- Self-evaluation by pupil
- Learning difficulties
- Behaviour in school
- Educational attainment
- Support from parents
- Parental involvement at school
- Parental control / influence
- Social milieu
- Working in a part-time job while still at school
- Peer group influence

In Austria the funding varies between the federal provinces. The students do not have to pay for the Stop Dropout questionnaire.

**Further info (website, contact person e-mail, organisation details)**

Project website: <http://www.stop-dropout.eu/index.php?id=2&L=gqscqzxs>

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**Relevant documents, photos or videos (upload file)**

Products:

- Czech: <http://www.stop-dropout.eu/index.php?id=5&L=2>
- Slovenian: <http://www.stop-dropout.eu/index.php?id=5&L=7>
- German: <http://www.stop-dropout.eu/index.php?id=5&L=1>