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3rd Transnational face- to-face meeting for the ESTOUR project: Introducing Epidemic Safe Tourism (post-COVID recovery) to strengthen SMEs in the hospitality Sector.

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ESTour is a *KA202 - Cooperation partnerships in vocational education and training* project that started on 01/02/2022 and will be finalised on 01/07/2024 and is funded by **Erasmus+** programme of the European Union. ESTour partnership consists of partners from Poland, Greece, Cyprus, Italy and Spain. The coordinator is Szkoła Główna Gospodarstwa Wiejskiego (SGGW). The ESTour project aims at training and certifying people who have been working in the hospitality sector (managers and employees in various posts, mostly in hospitality SMEs) and would like to update their skills but also their employment opportunities, related to the new health safety protocols and new digital technologies in regards to an effective response to epidemic crises' impact. The ESTour Expert will be able to understand, follow and apply the new safety protocols introduced internationally but also at a national level as well as to be aware of the new digital technologies that facilitate the operation of hospitality SMEs in times of epidemic crises in order to apply health safety and social distancing practices.



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The 3rd transnational face to face meeting for the ESTOUR project: “Introducing Epidemic Safe Tourism (post-COVID recovery) to strengthen SMEs in the hospitality Sector” took place in Rome, Italy between 12-13 of December 2022.

The ESTOUR project, initiated on the 1st of January 2022, was inspired by the challenges posed to the hospitality sector during the COVID-19 crisis and seeks to develop a new qualification profile according to EQF level 5, a training curriculum, a blended learning VET course and a certification scheme, which will contribute to the certification of the skills, knowledge and competences for the post COVID-19 Epidemic Health & Safety Hospitality Expert (ESTOUR Expert). The main goal of the ESTOUR Expert is to conduct a Health & Safety plan at an operational level in the occurrence of an epidemic crisis analogous to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In the two days of the face-to-face meeting in Rome, representatives from all the partners of the consortium participated namely: Warsaw University of Life Sciences, Dimitra Education & Consulting SA, Instituto Para El Fomento Del Dessarolo Y La Formacion SL, Agrupacion Empresarial Innovadora Para La Construccion Eficiente, M.M.C. Management Center Limited, Larnaka Tourism Board, Universita Degli Studi Di Roma Tor Vergata, Aristoteleies Katartiseis Aksiologiseis Pistopoihseis Anonimi Etaireia. **The purpose of the meeting was to better understand by all partners the aim and the objectives of the project, their roles and responsibilities which leads to design the next steps of the project and discuss and approve the realized outputs.**

At the first day, an overall project overview took place while more detailed discussion and analysis took place with regards the individual project results. The discussion centered on the development of Learning outcomes, the contents and scope of the required deliverables and deadlines to be fulfilled. The first day closed with the representative of MMC who, as the leader of dissemination and exploitation strategy, described in detail the Sharing and Promotion plan and presented the 2nd Newsletter delivered with the provided online tool. At the second day, the sustainability plan of the project was discussed so the project partners to be able to sustain the project after its completion. Quality assurance issues were addressed and a **To Do list** was drafted for clarifying next steps. The second day closed with the evaluation of the meeting with regards its intended purpose

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