



## **Final stage for the European Painting Skills Network project**

In the framework of the "Painting Skills Network" project, the last meeting took place in Prague on 7-8<sup>th</sup> June. After two years of hard work of VET Institutes, UNIEP Members, Trainers and Painters Contractors, we reached the end of this amazing European initiative. 10 partners were involved among national Painting Associations and Vocational Institutes who worked together since 2015 in order to develop structure and units of learning outcomes based on the needs of the labour market.

The comparison and gathering of good practices in the basic vocational training for a Painter/Decorator in Germany, Czech Republic, Belgium, Hungary, Austria, Norway and Slovakia permitted the collection of learning scenarios for students and trainers harmonised at the European level (EQF level 4). This reference booklet for the qualification of Painter/Varnisher contains 14 units of learning outcomes from Measurement, calculation, mathematics to health, safety, environment materials, and tools, devices, systems, decorative design, wall papering etc. With this harmonised tool of formation, our apprentices will have the opportunity to move from a country to another and make experience abroad. During the project period, Painting skills network already mobilized hundreds of students who met and work together in transnational student Camps organised in Teplice (CZ), Dresden (DE), Antwerpen (BE) for testing best practices and training scenarios.

UNIEP will continue to promote initiatives and to launch projects in order to increase the attractiveness of the training in the craft of painting and to improve the employability of graduates.