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# Knowledge Platform for Transferring Research and Innovation in Footwear Manufacturing

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## PROJECT

European footwear is highly appreciated around the world as demonstrate European export statistics to third countries, which illustrate an increase of 46% in quantity and 78% in value from 2009 till 2014. However, the leading reputation can only be maintained if businesses' competitiveness comes, inter allia, from a very high capacity for innovation, which cannot take place without the appropriate trained workforce

Consequently, the nowadays challenges of EUcompanies include to count with highly qualified engineers, product & process developers, top and middle managers among their staff. They should have the right mix of skills, both professional and transversal, to demonstrate their competence for applied research, development and technological transfer.

Making the knowledge triangle work by connecting Higher Education, Research and Business for excellence is one of the goals of the EU policies and national political priorities in all EU 28 countries. The partners of the Erasmus+ ***Knowledge4Foot*** project recognize the benefits for the sector's growth of such partnership approach, and will develop innovative tools for transferring knowledge to the European footwear sector by providing the High Education (HE) students and professionals with skills for applied research and innovation.

## OBJECTIVES:

- to develop active collaboration among universities, business communities and research centres to assess the needs of skills for innovation and technological transfer;
- to design, test and implement a common curriculum for virtual internships and the related e-learning content;
- to set-up a Knowledge Platform that facilitates the transfer of innovation in footwear manufacturing by simulating the developing stages of the research projects.

## TARGET:

Higher Education
Research & Development
Footwear industry

Students enrolled in Higher Education

Professionals involved in top and middle management in footwear companies: managers, designers, engineers and technicians

## 2016

- Mapping the knowledge triangle for transferring research and innovation in footwear manufacturing
- Knowledge Platform for transferring research and innovation in footwear manufacturing

## 2017

- Training program and e-learning content
- Multimedia handbook for project based training and virtual placement of HE students and trainees from SMEs

## 2018

- Entrepreneurial thinking in footwear manufacturing - Book of lectures for Intensive summer training course
- Intensive Summer Course - Entrepreneurial thinking in footwear sector
- Research and Innovation in Footwear Manufacturing -Final conference