

## VALERU NEWSLETTER NO.2 *Project Progress and Accomplishments*

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### METHODOLOGICAL SEMINAR ON VALIDATION PROCEDURES

The VALERU project partners met on the 29<sup>th</sup> of September 2015 at Don State Technical University for the seminar “Validation Procedures – A Methodological Seminar”, hosted by Bologna Club (BC). The main purpose of the seminar was to disseminate the VALERU project and the VNIL expert training strategy, to officially launch and introduce the VALERU platform and to discuss VNIL procedures and ways of implementation. The Seminar was mostly held in Russian



VALERU project team in Rostov-on-Don, September 2015

language, as the main target group were Russian-speaking stakeholders from the Bologna Club and from Don State Technical University.

The audience comprised around 100-125 participants. More information on the Seminar is available on [VALERU website](http://www.valeru.eu), where all the Seminar material (e.g. presentations slides, etc.) can also be accessed.

## VALERU VNIL TRAINING SESSIONS IN ROSTOV-ON-DON AND MOSCOW

Following the methodological seminar, the second VALERU VNIL expert training started on the 30<sup>th</sup> of September at Don State Technical University. The training providers were [DUK](#), [DUW](#) and [UoC](#), while the training participants came from different backgrounds, such as the medicine sector, business and economics, robotics and engineering, language teaching, etc.



Second VALERU VNIL training in Rostov-on-Don, September 2015

This variety generated interesting interdisciplinary exchanges and made the training experience very stimulating for all the participants.

The third VALERU VNIL expert training took place in Moscow at the beginning of October, hosted by Moscow City University ([MCU](#)), with [DUK](#), [DUW](#) and [UoC](#) as training providers.



Eva CENDON at the third VALERU training, October 2015

The training participants were very experienced in the area of education and lively discussions about the implementation of VNIL in Higher Education through specific measures took place. (E.g. learning outcomes)

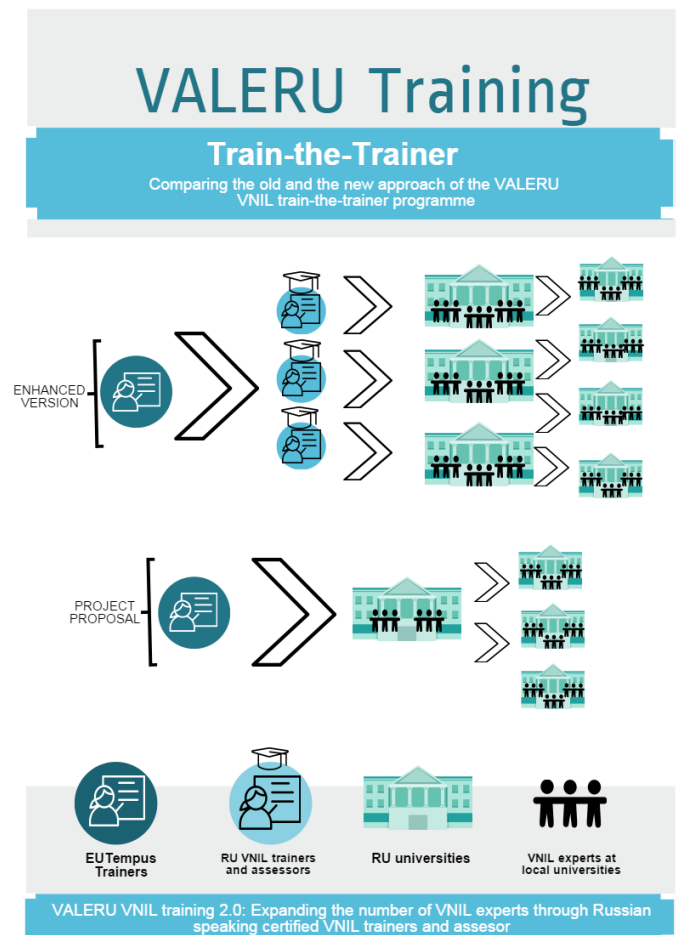
At the end of the training session in Rostov-on-Don and Moscow the participants received a certificate of attendance, which is the first step in

becoming a Russian VNIL expert. After submitting the reflective report on the 17<sup>th</sup> of December 2015 and passing the final VNIL exam, they receive the international certificate for VNIL experts in the Russian Federation, which officially certifies them as VNIL trainers. Read more about the certification requirements on the [VALERU platform](#).

## ENHANCED VNIL TRAINING STRATEGY

After the latest project steering committee meeting in Moscow in October 2015, a new enhanced training strategy was set up by VALERU project team. The most important enhancement is represented by the possibility to provide online assessment on the VALERU platform. This will be a crucial part of the platform development within the next months and will strengthen the impact and the sustainability of the project. The following graphic shows the impact of the enhanced strategy, which now contains the following aspects:

- Online Assessment
- Training of VNIL-Assessment Experts, who can assess in Russian language
- Translation of the training material and the online exam into Russian



The graphic above shows the impact of the enhanced training strategy

## THIRD VALERU FIELD VISIT IN BREST

The third VALERU field visit will take place on December 16-17, hosted by the University of Western Brittany ([Université de Bretagne occidentale - UBO](#)).

Next to project meetings and networking events, the lifelong learning department has organized a workshop on VNIL procedures at [UBO](#).

One part of the workshop will be focused on studies case workshop about administrative admissibility and feasibility process of VNIL applicant's projects (studies cases workshop).

The second part of the workshop will give an insight into the VNIL jury model at UBO with speeches of jury members from a different background (sciences, human resources management, management and humanities).



The pictures shows the faculty for humanities and social science at University of Western Brittany (Université de Bretagne occidentale), where the VALERU workshop will take place.

## CONSORTIUM MEMBERS

- [Danube University Krems](#), Austria
- [Berlin University of Professional Studies](#), Germany
- [University of Chester](#), United Kingdom
- [Université de Bretagne Occidentale](#), France
- [European University Continuing Education Network EUCEN](#), Belgium
- [Ministry of Education and Science of the Russian Federation](#), Russia
- [Moscow State University of Geodesy and Cartography](#), Russia
- [Moscow City University](#), Russia
- [Agency of Educational Strategies and Initiatives "Bologna Club"](#), Russia
- [Ufa State University of Economics and Service](#), Russia
- [Prof. Qualifications Development Agency of the Republic of Bashkortostan](#), Russia
- [Tula State Lev Tolstoy Pedagogical University](#), Russia
- [A Russian Non-governmental organisation of small and medium business "OPORA RUSSIA"](#), Russia.