

Case study from Iceland – May 27th 2008

The case study, the story	Material – Possible content
<p><u>The context</u></p> <p>The case study takes place within the automobile sector.</p> <p>It's based on a report describing a pilot project on a validation of informal learning within the automobile sector. The validation process was directed to individuals, who had started upper secondary training in the automobile sector but dropped out of school without finishing their studies. The main aim of this project was to motivate those individuals to finish their upper secondary education.</p>	<p>The partners taking part in this pilot project were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Borgarholtsskóli, a comprehensive secondary school, which specializes in the metal and car trades in the vocational field. www.bhs.is • Fræðslumiðstöð atvinnulífsins (the Education and Training Service Centre), is a collaborative forum of the founding parties for adult education and vocational training. One of its objectives is to ensure recognition of skills and knowledge acquired informally. www.frae.is • IÐAN – fræðslusetur is a training centre for certified trades. www.idan.is • Félag iðn- og tæknigreina is a trade union for employees working within the metal and car trades. www.fit.is • BÍlgreinasambandið is a employers' union within the car trades. www.bgs.is • Mímir – símenntun is a centre for lifelong learning. www.mimir.is
<p><u>The people</u></p> <p>The pilot project was directed to individuals who had started their upper secondary training within the car trades but dropped out of school without finishing.</p> <p>The criteria set for participation in the project was that the individuals were at least 30 years of age, had a minimum 5 years working experience within the field and had finished their apprentice time. The main aim was to reach out to individuals who met with the criteria and to motivate them to finish their studies.</p>	<p><u>Supporting material</u></p> <p>Among supporting material will be explanations of the process, copies of guidelines on validation, portfolios etc.</p>

Participation on the labour market is very high in Iceland (80%) and the unemployment rate is very low (2,5%, data from 1. quarter 2008). The individuals participating in this pilot project had not experience difficulties in finding jobs within their trade even though they had not finished

school. The case study will not describe one individual but more the group as a whole, trying to focus on the special conditions on the Icelandic labour market and highlighting the influence this pilot project has had on the environment.