



is a two year project, funded under the Erasmus+ Programme 2015 - 2017. While mentoring is an established business practice, particularly in the entrepreneurial start-up area, mentoring to green entrepreneurs, who wish to incorporate environmental values into their businesses is a new and growing area.

The five European partner organisations for Green Mentor include: Utopicus and Infodef from Spain, BEST from Austria, BGE from Hungary and Cork Institute of Technology (CIT) from Ireland. The **Hincks Centre for Entrepreneurship**, within CIT, are responsible for developing one of the key project outputs, namely, the Green Mentor Handbook. Other key project outputs include a draft curriculum which may form the basis for seeking certification of a green mentoring curriculum under existing European Vocational Educational Frameworks and a Green Mentor Toolkit containing useful tools designed to guide the mentor and mentee along the green mentoring journey.

The current phase of the project requires partners to pilot the material developed with business mentors and business owners, managers or entrepreneurs with an interest in starting a green business or greening an existing business. This will be completed in two stages: training for mentors who will then mentor green or greening businesses.

Participants will be provided with a full overview of the Green Mentor Handbook and Toolkit. By using the Green Mentor Handbook and Green Mentor Toolkit, the mentor and mentee will:

- Develop an understanding of the breadth and complexity of the Green mentoring role.
- Experience and gain a deeper understanding mentoring techniques and processes
- Follow the key stages of a mentoring relationship.
- Enhance skills & competencies of a mentor.
- Better Identify mentee needs around Green business.
- Gain an insight into green mentoring and its meaning, relevance and application.

Further details on the Green Mentor project and the other project outputs is available at <http://greenmentor-project.eu/>

The Hincks Centre for Entrepreneurship Excellence in CIT are inviting existing business mentors and individuals interested in the concept of Green Mentoring to attend our next training session. Tea/Coffee and Sandwiches will be provided. Please advise any dietary requirements and confirm attendance with Sarah Davis per details below.

Green Mentor Training Workshop details are as follows:

Dates and Times: Monday Feb 27th and Monday March 6th
from 10.00 – 14.30.

Location: Department of Enterprise and Management Boardroom
Cork Institute of Technology, Rossa Avenue, Cork

Phone: 021- 4335427

Related Links (downloadable materials):

IO1 · State of the Art:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1KInUtO4wv8H4ZN_YPiKYMd9rZjqRMoyG4jhZeUEGbiQ/edit?usp=sharing

IO2 · Curriculum curriculum ECVET Green Mentor:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B9aR8TAwzuL9RXIjYkhLWWhvRWc>

IO3 · The Green Mentor Handbook:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B9aR8TAwzuL9azNvTkMzYWthcG8/view?usp=sharing>

IO4 · The Green Mentor Toolkit:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B9aR8TAwzuL9VzU4R09kdFZWSHc/view?usp=sharing>

IO5 · Video lessons:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kXW6xmshYqE&list=PLnhVV5cd-PD6ziUwa4bgo1axe-jB3PvjK>

· **The Open Online IO6 Centre:** <http://greenmentor-project.eu/>

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