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## PROJET LEONARDO DA VINCI

# CREATION OF PROFESSIONAL EUROPEAN CERTIFICATION FOR ROPE ACCESS – EPCRA

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### PROJECT PARTNERS:

GIP FIPAG, France



SFETH, France



GRETA VIVA 5, France



ANETVA, Spain



Tindai, Spain

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Formación, Prevención y Seguridad en Altura

FISAT, Germany



Seilpartner, Germany



SOFT, La Norway



CDI, Bulgaria





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## General Information about the Project

The rope access technician (R.A.T) is a person who works at height and uses ropes, sometimes in places difficult to access. The rope access sector became professional along its history. Nowadays it is a profession in growth, where safety is of prime importance. Rope access technicians can operate in various sectors: Public Works, Construction, Industrial Maintenance, Cleaning, Special Events Management, Off Shore, etc...

The rope access sector also generates employment and the specialized companies are strongly committed conducting specific training to their personnel.

The opening of new markets and opportunities of development within the boundaries and outside the European Union, promote a reflection of the process of training and certification standardisation to facilitate the theoretical and practical recognition of the R.A.T profession.

The final aim of the current project, based on the experience of four European countries, is to design a "European Certification" adapted to the employment of rope access technicians and conforming to European Certifications criteria. It will be included in one of the eight European levels and there will be a number of ECVET credits attributed to it according to European recommendations. This new certification will contribute to the improvement and standardisation of rope access technician's competences, and will be applying by the countries that want to take part in that process.

**This project will last 30 months: from December 1, 2013 to May 31, 2016.**

## Task Categories

This project includes 5 categories :



**1 – MANAGEMENT AND EVALUATION:** Management of the Project.



**2 – TOOLS:** Design of Activities and Competences. Design of Certification Procedures.



**3 – TRAINING PROGRAMME:** For rope access technicians, instructors, and jury members.



**4 – TESTING TOOLS:** Evaluation of the training process.



**5 – DISSEMINATION OF RESULTS:** Project website, support of multimedia, CDs and posters, organization of distribution seminars.



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## Project Partners

**P1** – GROUPEMENT D'INTÉRÊT PUBLIC FORMATION ET INSERTION PROFESSIONNELLES DE L'ACADÉMIE DE GRENOBLE (GIP-FIPAG) -France. Organisation partner.

**P2** – SYNDICAT FRANCAIS DES ENTREPRISES DE TRAVAIL EN HAUTEUR (SFETH) – France.

**P3** – GRETA VIVA5 – France.

**P4** - ASOCIACION NACIONAL DE EMPRESAS DE TRABAJOS VERTICALES (ANETVA) – Spain.

**P5** – TINDAI PREVENCIÓN Y SEGURIDAD (TINDAI) -Spain

**P6** - FACH UND INTERESSENVERBAND FÜR SEILUNTERSTÜTZTE ARBEITSTECHNIK (FISAT) - Germany.

**P7** - SEILPARTNER GESELLSCHAFT FÜR SEILUNTERSTÜTZTES ARBEITEN MBH (SEILPARTNER) Germany.

**P8** - CENTAR ZA RAZVITIE I VNEDRYAVANE NA EVROPEISKI PRAKTIKI (CDI) –Bulgarie. External assessor.

**P9** - SAMARBEIDSORGANET FOR TILKOMSTTEKNIKK (SOFT) – Norway. Associated partner without budget.

## The Meetings

Meetings below were held within the framework of the EPCRA project:

**1st Managing Committee:** The first meeting to launch the project was held in France (15-17 January 2014) in the city of Lyon. It was organised by the project promoter, GIP-FIPAG, and the French training organism GRETA VIVA 5. At this meeting were presented project phases, administrative procedures, action plan and agenda. The participants were instructed in the concepts and methodological tools referring to the European Frame of Qualifications.

**1st Meeting of the Transnational Group:** This meeting took place in Madrid (Spain), (19-21 February 2014) and was organised by ANETVA and TINDAI participants. The architecture of the activities (profession and certification) were proposed and accepted.

Some other concepts were being also defined. This meeting was the starting point of defining set of activities and skills about rope access technicians, including the distribution of tasks related to perform various activities and functions.

**2nd Meeting of the Transnational Group:** German Partners of FISAT and SEILPARTNER hosted this meeting in Leipzig (Germany), for the period of 21-23 May 2014. The basis concerning activities and competencies of rope access technicians were more or less completed and the paragraphs regarding certification were defined.







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**2nd Managing Committee:** This meeting took place in Madrid (Spain), for the period of 2-4 July 2014, and was organised by the Spanish Partners of ANETVA and TINDAI. The RAPC, a standard for the rope access technician's functions describing their activities, tasks, knowledge, skills and competences, has been validated. Furthermore, the group worked on the design of a Certification's Standard, with the definition of certification units and operational competences still to be assessed.



**Next meeting: 3rd Meeting of the Transnational Group:** This meeting will take place in Lyon (France), in October 2014. It will be organised by the French partners of GIP FIPAG, GRETA VIVA 5 and SFETH. The aim is to complete the final validation of the Certification's Standard and build the architecture for modular training.

## Results

- R.1. Repository list of rope access technicians, activities and skills.
- R.2. Reference to certification.
- R.3. Modular training programme for rope access technicians.
- R.4. Training programme for trainers and instructors.
- R.5. Training programme for jury members and certification assessors.
- R.6. Apply the contents created (references and training programmes) and put it into practice in each of the participating countries, a group of 10 instructors, 10 jury members and 12 rope access technicians to train and two days of examination of 12 participants to hold.
- R.7. Tools for the dissemination of implemented tasks: Web site, Newsletter, Poster, Leaflets and CD, CD-ROM.

## The Project's Website

The project's web site is <http://www.epcra.eu>

The results will be put on the Web site as soon as they are finished compiled.

This newsletter has been prepared by the Spanish partners ANETVA and TINDAI