

ExCurS Newsletter

February 2024

First face to face consortium meeting: June 15th - 16th, Bilbao



For two days, 15th – 16th June, Bilbao hosted all partners of the ExCurS project.

During these two days' work meeting, we had the opportunity to meet face to face for the first time, and checked the status of the project, reviewed the activities already developed by each WP and discussed deeply, how to successfully close the pending tasks and plan the activities for the second half of 2023, with the aim to comply with the quality and deadlines committed.

Last but not least, we worked on new ideas to design an attractive banner and headline to capture the ExCurS essence and attract all stakeholders.

ExCurS at Toys4Engineers



Last 2023, October 5th, [Toys4Engineers](#) took place in Waterford (Ireland). ExCurS attended this event with a stand and had the opportunity to share with visitors and exhibitors, projects, technologies and innovations.

Not only were Engineering, Tech, Pharma, Biomed, Agri-Food, Manufacturing, Construction & Renewable Energy industries present, but any professional with an interest in new and emerging technologies which lead us to have interesting meetings and gave us the chance to give diffusion to our project.

Additional Material: GOA-WorkBench®

Our partner [IBK](#) offers GOA-WorkBench® (GOA = Group Opinion Analyser), a web-based toolbox that is offered as "Software-as-a-Service" that supports you on your way towards Excellence.

GOA-WorkBench® "Corporate Solutions" offer modules for organisation-wide self-assessments according to different methodological approaches, adapted to sector-specific needs.

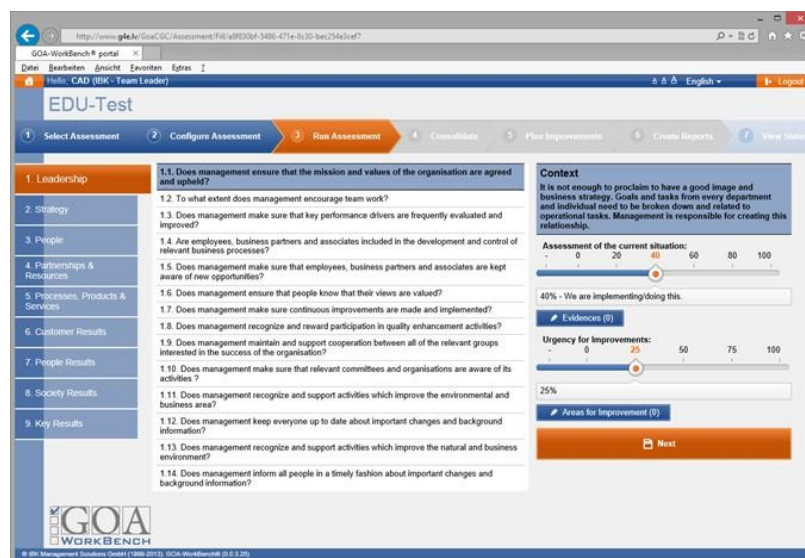
Here, the participant groups of the assessment can be configured via a project cockpit and individual results (method-related partly also anonymised) are evaluated and consolidated.

The "Corporate Solutions" of the GOA-WorkBench® include modules to support organisation-wide assessments based on various management approaches, optimised according to the "Easy Assessment" approach.

GOA "Individual Solutions" offer self-assessment modules for individuals beyond the fee-based "Corporate Solutions", which have emerged from EU research projects and are provided free of charge for time-limited use.

Currently included:

- [Personal Stress Factor Assessment \(SFA\)](#)
- [Personal Excellence Assessment \(GOA PEX\)](#)



More information, [here](#).

Closing WP2: ExCurS Concept & Self-Assessment Support

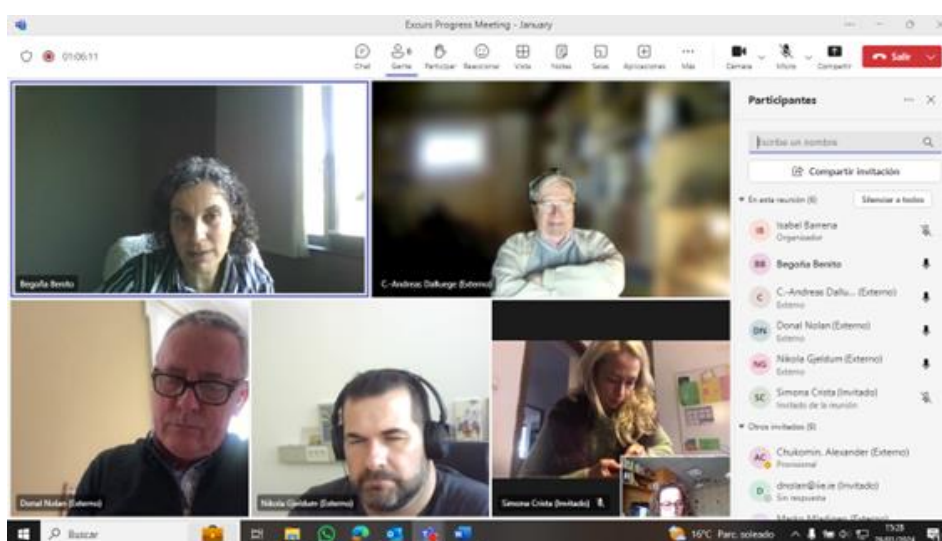
Last 2024 January 26th, ExCurS partners held a new on line follow up meeting where the last details of WP2 **ExCurS Concept & Self-Assessment Support** were discussed. As this WP is running as planned, we are ready to close it successfully.

The main results of this WP2 are:

- Advisory Board Running
- ExCurS training modules portfolio
- ExCurS self-assessment prototype
- Localised and tested ExCurS self-assessment module
- Quality Gate 1 passed and reported.

To reach all these goals, all ExCuS partners have been developing different activities such as:

- 1) Evaluating management and process re-engineering methodologies and trainings from previous projects that support LEAN Production, Green Economy & Digitalisation of work processes.
- 2) Generating WP Summery Report as a basis for running the Quality Gate implementing and running Quality Gate Survey.
- 3) Localisation of self-assessment tool contents and interfaces to partner regions and testing and incrementally improving the prototype.
- 4) Mapping skills and training profiles against company needs and the EFQM 4.0 Model for identifying missing gaps for specific cases & adapting existing self-assessment to project requirements.
- 5) Setting up and running an Advisory Board of external experts for discussions on approach, design and methodology.



More about ExCurS topics

“Must-Have Skills for the Green Economy”

As the world progresses toward a more sustainable future, workers are acquiring new green skills. The United Nations Environment Programme emphasizes the critical importance of building a skilled workforce to power the green transition.

Here are the essential skills:

- **Critical Thinking:** Analyze complex situations and make informed decisions.
- **Problem-Solving:** Tackle environmental challenges creatively.
- **Self-Management:** Adaptability, resilience, and time management are crucial.

Coming soon....

- ✓ All ExCurS partners will meet for the second time next June in Split, we are all willing to share and progress in all our developments!

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