

LTТА in Vienna: EmpowerHer Teams Up to Train VET Professionals Across Europe

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We are proud to announce the successful completion of the EmpowerHer LTТА – a 3-day intensive training event held in Vienna, where partners from Germany, Spain, Austria, and Greece came together to exchange knowledge, share best practices, and strengthen capacity building for VET professionals working with refugee women in the hospitality sector.

What made this training truly special? For the first time, we also invited refugee women to participate directly in the LTТА workshops, allowing for a co-learning environment that embodied the inclusive mission of the project.

Training Highlights

Day 1 – Toolkit for VET Professionals (PR1)

Partners explored practical modules such as *intercultural competence*, *resilience*, and *labour market orientation*, designed to support refugee women's integration into training systems:

- "Bridging Connection" – intercultural learning for inclusive education
- "Resilient Minds" – trauma-informed practices and mental wellbeing
- "Stepping Stones to Success" – vocational readiness for migrant learners

Day 2 – Profession-Specific Language Training (PR2)

Language curricula tailored to hospitality roles (kitchen, housekeeping, stock management, front desk) were presented and tested. The sessions provided practical methods for **A0–B1** language development linked directly to job-specific needs.

Day 3 – Digital Skills and Virtual Reality

The final day focused on digital empowerment and included hands-on use of VR headsets to experience EmpowerHer's immersive training videos in Kitchen, Housekeeping, stock management and Front desk assistant roles

This day was especially impactful, as refugee women tested the VR simulations themselves, giving real-time feedback on usability, relevance, and cultural sensitivity.



What We Achieved

- Deepened partner collaboration on VET tools and methods
- Hands-on testing of digital and VR training content
- Created a truly inclusive training environment by involving refugee women as co-learners
- Strengthened alignment between the EmpowerHer toolkit, language curriculum, and digital strategies

Some memories from our days in Vienna



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A heartfelt thank you to our hosts at **BEST** and all partner organisations for your enthusiasm and contributions. We are excited to take the next steps and begin piloting the EmpowerHer materials with VET professionals and refugee women across Europe!