

# SIPP Newsletter

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## Key Project Updates:

- 1.** External Evaluator visits to the Czech Rep and Ireland October 2018
- 2.** GRETB Trials move forward, as team prepares for Finland Training Event
- 3.** Destinations Data, DfE



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## External Evaluator visits to the Czech Rep and Ireland October 2018

Brian Martin the external evaluator for the project will visit the two Irish schools, Colaiste na Coiribe and Colaiste Bhaile Chlair during the week 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> October 2018 and at least one institution in the Zlin region on the 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> October 2018. The visits will aim to:

- discuss progress with tool trials,
- lend support and encouragement to colleagues,
- discuss data collection throughout the lifespan of the project.

Brian will aim to develop a case study for each institution which can be used on the project website and have discussions with those leading the project.

The visit timing will be very useful given the second training event is taking place in Finland in early November 2018. Brian will be able to provide comparative views on progress across the partnership having witnessed progress in two countries in situ.

## GRETB Trials move forward, as team prepares for Finland Training Event

Over the past few months the team have spoken to the Principals of the GRETB to explain the Project, they have asked for their results to input into the tool and are working on this at the moment. Coláiste Bhaile Chláir had their first set of Leaving Certificate results in August so they have also put these into the tool. The team are doing a trial on the tool with a number of transition year students in Coláiste Bhaile Chláir before their trip to Finland and will provide feedback regarding the trial. A press release has been put together which has been sent to local newspapers and publicised on the GRETB websites & social media.



The team have been working hard on the handbook and they are preparing to present on "Impact and effective dissemination" jointly co-ordinated with Zlinsky kraj. Sean, Maidhc, Karen, Niamh and Claire will all be present in Finland with Emma coming out for the transnational meeting towards the end of the week. They are looking forward to seeing you all!

## **Destinations Data, DfE**

The Department for Education in England has issued a [guidance document](#) on how to use destinations data, internal to the school and destination measures, external to the school as published in performance tables.

The guide also includes a case study on using destinations data and a model designed to track students' decision-making on their Post-16 and Post-18 education and training options.



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