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SELF-DIRECTED ACTIVITY IMAGE OR LOGO	
DEVELOPER/PROMOTER	Emphasys CENTRE
PROBLEM IDENTIFICATION	A connected educators' digital competence is expressed in their ability to use digital technologies not only to enhance their teaching practices, but also for their professional development.
	Are you using digital technologies to achieve your full potential?
WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT THE PROBLEM?	Online professional learning networks (PLN) can offer an easy and accessible way for educators to develop your skills anytime and anywhere.
WHAT DO WE NEED TO KNOW? SELF-STUDY (learning resources)	Online educational platforms (i.e. eTwinning, Edmodo) offer professional development opportunities for teachers such as online seminars, discussions or online short-courses. However, social media platforms (Twitter, Facebook, etc.) or personal blogs can be used to create a professional learning network to share good practices and advices.
	Activity:
	Define your purpose
	 Start small and observe – start connecting and observe how others are doing it
	 'Spiralling Out' – start connecting with people who share the same interests/ background as you and then connect with people from their connections.
WHAT DID WE LEARN?	





PROBLEM SOLUTION	Professional development is a journey, enjoy the experience and continue moving onwards and upwards!
REVIEW, REFLECT AND REPORT (instructions to VET Tutors)	For educators to follow the technological advancements taking place, it is important to firstly reflect on your practices and skills, and after identifying your needs to be able to plan actions on how to meet those needs. Use the SELFIE for Work Based Learning tool as a starting point in your reflection journey! (https://education.ec.europa.eu/selfie)
TARGET GROUP	VET Trainers
LANGUAGE	English
LINK TO THE RESOURCES	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_Fby_VgVpno - How to develop a PLN using Social Media https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_wXGKVnHlns - How to Build a PLN and Become a Connected Educator

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