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## VINCE Validation Prize 2019

Barcelona, 28-06-2018 / [eucen](#) invites all individuals and organisations in Europe working in the sector of the Validation of Prior Learning (VPL) and Validation of Non-formal and Informal Learning (VNIL) to submit case studies for the **VINCE Validation Prize**, which will be awarded in November 2019.

The **Validation Prize** is an award given to the most innovative and promising initiatives in the area of the Validation of Prior Learning (VPL) and Validation of Non-formal and Informal Learning (VNIL), with a focus on cases illustrating inspiring and innovative solutions to help newcomers (especially individuals with a migrant or refugee status) to get their skills and competences recognised and validated. The prize will be awarded as part of the VINCE project and will showcase best VPL/VNIL practices in order to highlight the excellence of existing projects and to spread the awareness about VPL/VNIL initiatives among professionals as well as among common citizens.

The 2019 prize follows the initiative of the OBSERVAL and OBSERVAL-Net projects, which awarded a total of 5 **Validation Prizes** in 2009, 2010 and 2013.

### Which will be the prize offered by VINCE?

The three best works received will win a trip<sup>1</sup> to Barcelona to present their work during the final conference of the project. This event is planned for Thursday 14 November 2019. At the end of the conference the final winner will be announced. The three best works will receive a commemorative award and their work will be included in the final report of VINCE.

### Who can participate in the VINCE Validation Prize 2019?

Trade unions, companies, sectoral/branch organisations, training funds, professional groups or individual workers, NGOs, VET schools, universities, public authorities, institutions of LLL, civil society organisations, social partners, VNIL professionals and researchers who have been or are working in VPL/VNIL. Everybody interested is invited to submit case studies using the **Case Study template** available at <https://vince.eucen.eu/vince-validation-prize-2019/>

The deadline for submitting case studies is 10 April 2019. Please contact [vince@eucen.eu](mailto:vince@eucen.eu) for further information.

### Notes about the VINCE project

*VINCE aims to adapt existing VPL methods to meet the specific needs of newcomers and refugees so that they can access Higher Education and more easily integrate into European society.*

### Notes to the editors

*The European university continuing education network, [eucen](#), is the largest European multi-disciplinary association in University Lifelong Learning. [eucen](#) aims to foster universities' influence in the development of lifelong learning knowledge and policies throughout Europe and thus to contribute to the economic and cultural life in Europe.*

<sup>1</sup> See full terms and conditions of this prize at <https://vince.eucen.eu/vince-validation-prize-2019/>

