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The main objectives of eLene4life were to:

- overcome skills mismatches with respect to soft skills;
- develop new innovative curricula and educational methods integrating active learning, addressing commonly encountered barriers such as large class sizes and physical spaces.
- improve the relevance of HE curricula in a VUCA (Volatile, Uncertain, Complex, Ambiguous) world.

eLene4Life reached over 9000 stakeholders from the HE and corporate sectors. Over 40 teachers were interviewed for the transnational analysis of active learning for soft skills development in HE, and an equivalent number of corporate stakeholders contributed to the parallel analysis.

Through this rich collection of high-quality and easy-to-use resources and the growing Community of Practice, eLene4Life has contributed to raising awareness among HE teachers of the needs and practices in the corporate sector in order to support curriculum innovation.

Similarly, corporate representatives have gained a better understanding of HE practices. Ultimately, the impact for students will be a more relevant learning experience, offering them the chance to develop contextualised transversal skills during the course of their studies and thus be better prepared for the workforce and society in general, as competent and confident 21st century citizens.

Project website and online resources: http://elene4life.eu/

References	https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/projects/eplus-project-details/#project/2018-1-FR01-KA203-047829 As of today, there is an impressive number of EU co-financed projects labelled under the keyword "Critical Thinking". For instance, results from the E+ project results' platform lists nearly 6.900 international projects.
	Such a large sample of case studies represents both an opportunity and a challenge. An opportunity because we have plenty of case studies to report to readers' attention for further



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	However, after applying few filters to our research, we manage to collect a short sample of initiatives that are meaningful and coherent to our objectives. All information is extrapolated
	source of reference, a challenge because it increases the complexity in selecting those that might be relevant to the actual impact radius of ESSENCE.