

## VALERU NEWSLETTER NO.3 Project Progress and Accomplishments

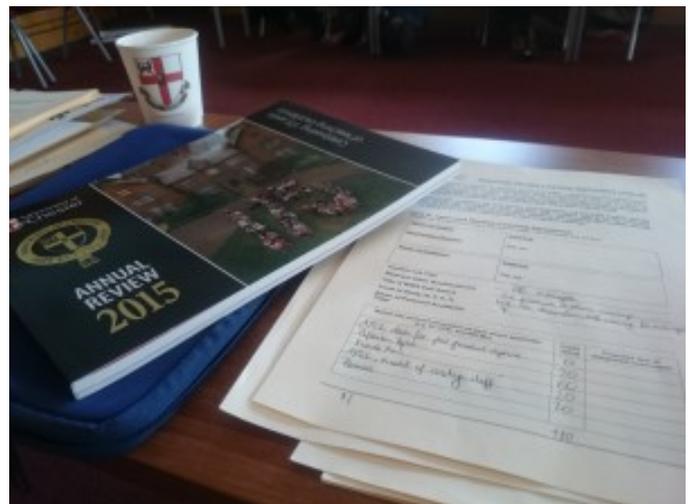
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### VNIL FIELD VISIT IN CHESTER

<sup>1</sup> The fourth VALERU field visit took place on 05-07 April 2016, hosted by the University of Chester (UK). The meeting was dedicated to lectures and workshops about the validation procedures provided within the [Work-Based and Integrative Studies Programm](#) offered by the CWRS (Centre for Work Related Studies) at UoC. Lectures and roleplay were organised and led by David Perrin, Jon Talbot and David Major, and allowed the VALERU project members to experience the application of the WBIS validation procedures on potential candidates, selecting those experiences to be validated and the amount of credits to assign

for experiential learning. At this link you can access all presentations and other relevant documents/links on the VNIL procedure at Chester: <http://valeru.net/vnil-field-visit-in-chester/>



## VALERU VNIL TRAINING IN UFA

Critical reflection, reflective practice, work-based learning, phases of the validation procedure, the European Qualification Framework, learning outcomes and assessment methods: all these were the main ingredients of the 4th VALERU VNIL training that took place in Ufa (Russia) between 7 and 9 June 2016!

The participants had the opportunity to work in small groups in workshop-settings, benefiting from a problem-orientated and student-centered dynamic approach. In teams, they analysed and evaluated several important issues for validation procedures in Higher Education Institutions. As part of the VNIL training programme, at the end of the three-day practice, a certification ceremony was held and the participants received a certificate for attendance.

Only two more steps are missing until the trained staff receives the final, international VALERU VNIL certificate: [the online exam and the reflective report!](#)

The VALERU VNIL training in Ufa was also a great opportunity for participants to learn about a not-so-well-known part of the world: Bashkortostan and the country's culture. This is another great aspect of our project and of European projects in general: cultural exchanges, friendships and fruitful work relations can only be a sound basis for true change-making!

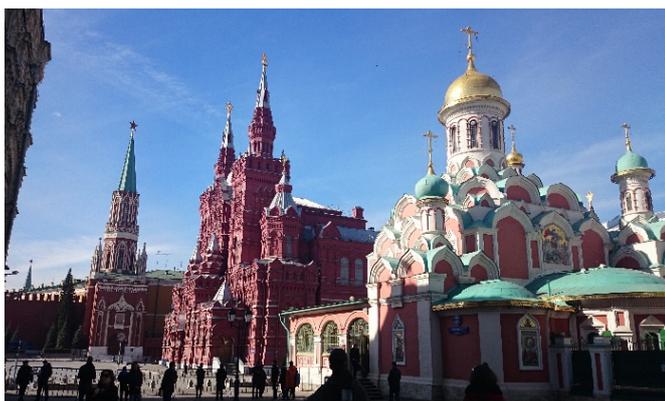


If you want to get a better idea of how the VNIL expert training in Ufa was like, check this short [video](#) showing parts of the VALERU methodological seminar and the VNIL expert training held at Don State Technical University in Rostov-on-Don in September 2015!

## VALERU FINAL CONFERENCE

The final [VALERU conference](#) will be held in Moscow on 11-13 October 2016 and will see the participation of all the HE staff of Russian higher education institutions trained in validation along the VALERU project. The Conference will include a festive certification ceremony and experts will receive an official international VNIL expert certificate. In addition to the presentation of the project outcomes and the presentation of the project members' experiences, key experts' intervention and round table discussions will be organised.

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Moscow will host the VALERU final Conference.

## CONSORTIUM MEMBERS

- [Danube University Krems](#), Austria
- [Berlin University of Professional Studies](#), Germany (project partner between December 2013 and January 2016)
- [University of Chester](#), United Kingdom
- [Université de Bretagne Occidentale](#), France
- [European University Continuing Education Network EUCEN](#), Belgium
- [Ministry of Education and Science of the Russian Federation](#), Russia
- [Moscow State University of Geodesy and Cartography](#), Russia
- [Moscow City University](#), Russia
- [Agency of Educational Strategies and Initiatives "Bologna Club"](#), Russia
- [Ufa State Petroleum Technological University](#), Russia
- [Prof. Qualifications Development Agency of the Republic of Bashkortostan](#), Russia
- [Tula State Lev Tolstoy Pedagogical University](#), Russia
- [A Russian Non-governmental organisation of small and medium business "OPORA RUSSIA"](#), Russia.