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Greenkeeper Training - Europe (GT-E), based at Aldwark Manor, Near York, is pleased to announce that they have been successful in a joint European Union (EU) project bid.

The project, which will commence in October, has 8 partners, and is scheduled to be completed in 2 years.

David Golding, GT-E's Standards Director, explains that the project has, as its main aim, to develop, test and introduce a Quality Assured Scheme for greenkeeper training which involves the following countries, colleges and organisations:

- \* Kao College, Finland
- \* Benesov College, Czech Republic
- \* Czech Greenkeepers Association
- \* Kainuu College, Lithuania
- \* Luua Vocational Training Centre, Estonia
- \* Elmwood College, Scotland
- \* Federation of European Golf Greenkeepers Association
- \* Greenkeeper Training Europe

David adds, "Several partners in the project have experience in developing, delivering and monitoring greenkeeper education and training over many years and their knowledge and experience will prove invaluable to assist golf developing countries looking to establish a quality structure of greenkeeper education and training, best suited to their country using the Standards of GT-E."

David believes more countries will benefit from the project as GT-E is always looking to advise and give guidance to countries with little or no formal structure in greenkeeper training.

Greenkeepers will be at the very heart of the project, supported by the various colleges and there will be a real emphasis on engaging golf club employers as they benefit from investing in greenkeeper training by having better maintained and managed golf courses.

The GT-E is currently funded through a special R&A project and is currently working with the European Golf Association and its 43 member Federations and Unions to establish core funding to assist with the administration and management of the GT-E.

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