

Creating leaders celebrates its first birthday

Started in September 2015, the project ***Creating leaders for the Future: no Limits to Entrepreneurship and Disability*** has just celebrated its first year of activity. The project is funded under the European programme Erasmus+ and is run by an international partnership composed of organizations from France, Italy, Poland and Spain; coordinated by the Spanish lead partner Fundacion Privada Prevent.

The main objective of the project is to design an entrepreneurial training path for adults with disabilities, based on innovative methodology and contents, as well as on the concept of Hybrid Value Chains (HVC), in order to achieve a close collaboration between civil society organizations and businesses.

Throughout its first year...

- ✓ **The partners worked on the identification of unsatisfied needs and gaps in terms of entrepreneurial training tailored to people with disabilities.**

Thanks to an ad hoc questionnaire, which was administered to more than 100 people with and without disabilities, the partners had the opportunity to figure out where the main bottlenecks are according to the results of the survey.

Moreover, the partners analyzed several good practices regarding social and working integration for people with disabilities and at a disadvantaged status, from which they could take the cue and get interesting ideas for the prosecution of their activities.

- ✓ **As a result of this work, the Consortium produced the report “Analysis of European good practices in entrepreneurship for people with disabilities”, which represents the reference document for the creation of content and methodology specifically designed for people with disabilities.**

In fact, in the following months, the partners will work on the definition of the content and learning material as well as on a specifically designed methodology and accompaniment activities to support disabled people in establishing and managing their own business.

On September 28th-29th, the third transnational meeting took place in Warsaw (Poland).

- ✓ The event was attended by all partners and gave the possibility to focus on the work carried out so far and plan the prosecution of the activities.

- ✓ The partners also had the opportunity to get in contact with an important reality in Warsaw, which deals with social and economic development: the **Foundation for Social and Economic Initiatives (FISE)**.



FISE, deals with topics relating to labour market and unemployment issues. Up until now, the Foundation has realized over 150 projects, trained almost 8 thousand employees of public and private labour market institutions and published several publications on labour market issues. Of particular interest for *Creating Leaders*, FISE organizes two remarkable initiatives:

- the School of Entrepreneurship, which started in 1994 and has trained 6 thousand people searching for employment and over 8 thousand specialists in labour market, social assistance, NGOs and public administration;
- and the Warsaw Workshop, a free of charge, open workshop space for everyone who wants to organize meetings, debates, conferences etc.

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The partners will work together to create and define the training content and the methodology for entrepreneurship and disability. The activities envisage, at the **beginning of 2017, the organization of focus groups with different stakeholder in order to collect feedback and suggestions for the finalization of the results.**

Additional information on the project and on its progress can be found on the project website (<http://leadersforthefuture.eu/>) and through the social media tools:

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