

OVERCOMING SKILLS MISMATCH AMONG THE YOUNG REFUGEES (OSMYR)

Background

Considered to be submitted under the call ERASMUS (**Cooperation Partnerships in the Field of Higher Education**), our project aims to overcome the skills mismatch among the young refugees and help them integrate into the economic ecosystem of the host country.

One of the common challenges confronting refugees in different countries is unemployment and underemployment in the host nation. The main victims of this ordeal are mostly the young refugees. Empirical studies have attributed skills mismatch as one of the critical factors leading to this phenomenon. This means many young refugees fail to get absorbed by the labor market whereas others fail to match the skills demanded by the labor market of the host country. In some situations, the skill brought by the refugees from their home country are not recognized by the authorities of the host countries. Therefore, there is need for them to match their skills with what is demanded and recognized in the host countries.

Our main purpose (together with 2 other EU partners and 1 NGO) involves **establishing a capacity building program that will significantly reduce the skills mismatch among the young refugees.**

The projects intend to employ strategies such as workshops on career guidance, series of seminars on entrepreneurship and network building colloquiums in pursuit of achieving its objectives. The blueprint of this program will be shared and conducted in collaboration with our partner organizations.

In conformity with our general purpose, **the specific objectives of the project are outlined as follows:**

- creating a hybrid system where the young refugees meet and interact with the coaches through both online and physical platforms.
- organizing workshops on career guidance, series of seminars on entrepreneurship, empowerment and network building colloquiums.
- To create a monitoring and evaluation mechanism aiming at assessing the impact of these programs on the career path decision of all the targeted audiences
- to form best practices for career guidance booklets that can be used by young refugees.

In the call document, one of the priorities under the call is ***‘Strengthening the employability of young people: The priority aims to strengthen young people’s key competencies and basic skills. The youth sector plays an important role in easing the transition of young people from youth to adulthood, including supporting their integration into the labor market.....***

The project is assumed to last for **2 years**. Total Budget: 250.000 EURO

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