Thinking about next deadline...

The aim of the project is to create new methods to make rural areas more interesting for young people and learn how it can be a field for career development.

High level of unemployment amongst the European countries is one of the biggest challenges in contemporary Europe and unemployment is increasing drastically the more you move from the big cities to the rural areas. And yet, resources and policies continue to be biased in favour of urban development. Young people living in disadvantaged rural areas are facing many difficult challenges in their everyday life. They are often suffering from having limited access to educational opportunities, which in turns diminishes their chances on the labour market. We see the unused potential and problems being brought by extensive urbanization and these problems will only strengthen during the years. Low level of community involvement among young people from rural areas is commonly seen as a direct result of the above mentioned obstacles. However, we believe that the community involvement should actually be perceived as the solution to the above-mentioned problems. Partners in this application worked prior with entrepreneurship and rural areas in the chain project where we

discovered the high potential for job opportunities and career development in rural and natural areas our selves. What we experienced was that by committing to work for the benefit of their surroundings, young people became more active, gained valuable knowledge and developed many essential social skills that can serve as a great advantage in both their professional and personal life and at the same time their commitment benefitted the local communities involved. Unfortunately many youngsters and youth workers perceive the rural or natural areas as old-fashioned or uninteresting



and therefore have no willingness to explore them. Many youth workers and youth leaders are therefore not actively involved in community work and lack the proper tools for using the potential of rural and natural areas.

The aim of the project is therefore to create new tools and methods to make rural areas more interesting for young people, and thus encouraging youth workers and youth leaders to rediscover the opportunities in the rural and natural areas and learn how it can be a potential field for career by using entrepreneurship. This creates an opportunity to share experience and best practices to expand the network of organizations working in the rural areas.

The above-mentioned aims and objectives shall be accomplished during a Training Course (TC) in Belluno (Italy). Activities will gather 24 youth workers

and youth leaders from 6 or 8 different countries. The TC will focus on training youth workers and youth leaders in how to work with entrepreneurship in rural areas. The seminar will be a serve as the start up to expand the network and involve more countries and more organizations working with rural areas and local communities.

> To promote rural/natural areas as potential field for employment by creating entrepreneurial ideas and spreading them around.

> To equip youth workers and young leaders with tools and methods in working with fewer opportunities that come from distant rural areas

> To share and develop tools for fostering green/social entrepreneurial attitude to be applied in rural/natural areas

> Building a better understanding of the chances and challenges concerning situation of youth in rural areas.



> To provide participants with an

opportunity to exchange experience, expertise and best practices in the field of preventing and fighting unemployment among youth in rural areas. > To establish a network of like-minded organizations and individuals who are interested in the future cooperation in the field of enhancing young people employability by working with rural areas.

How to apply?

We are looking for NGOs which are still working on entrepreneurship projects in rural areas.

If you are interested please send us your PIF form and a short description about your past or actual projects about entrepreneurship in rural areas to this email address: <u>deriz.laura@gmail.com</u> In particular we need this info: Project's Name: Project's Partners: Project's summery: Project's period: Target group:

Looking forward to collaborate with you!!