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Is Searching Partners for the Project:

EntrepreneurShip (III) – Sailing to Success

That will be submitted to National Agency in Denmark under action KA1 MOBILITY PROJECTS FOR YOUTH WORKERS

This project is targeting promoters established in Programme Countries

Vision of the project:

Youth unemployment in the EU has increased following the COVID-19 pandemic. It rose from 15% in 2019 to 17.8% in December 2020. There are now 3.1 million 15-24 year-olds in Europe actively looking for work and unable to find a job and 4.7 million in the age category 19-29 years old. The number of 15-29 year-olds without a job and not in education or training- known as NEETS - is 9.6 million. During the financial crisis, youth unemployment went up from 16% to 26%. The rate only returned to its 2008 level in 2018 although in Spain, Italy and Greece youth unemployment remained high.

Youth unemployment does long-term damage. Workers who were unemployed when young tend to earn significantly less over their lifetimes. The young unemployed look at the future less optimistically. They also tend to leave the parental home later and start families later.

Currently there is a need to avoid another 'lost generation' of young people, thus supporting young people in employment must be a priority on all levels; policymakers, local authorities, institutions and youth organisations must take an active role in supporting young people. Given its serious consequences, addressing youth unemployment at the EU level in order to achieve economic growth and social welfare is fundamental.

In line with this, partners regard entrepreneurship as a viable alternative to creating new job opportunities and reducing youth unemployment. Youth generally have a high level of interest in self-employment but only 6.5% of working youth (20-29 years old) in the EU were self-employed in 2018. The interest of youth in engaging in entrepreneurial activities were unfortunately further hindered by the COVID19 pandemic.

InterCollege has been focusing on youth entrepreneurship education, and in the last years implemented different activities. In 2017 InterCollege organised a CME with highly successful results and a clear conclusion that

- 1) Youth organisations need to further strengthen their network in Europe and build their capacity through shared practices, in order to ensure they offer qualitative support to aspiring young entrepreneurs, and
- 2) Youth workers have a key role to play in fostering young people's sense of entrepreneurship through holistic non-formal education, and as such need a renewed toolbox and competencies

In 2019 InterCollege, together with a newly formed consortium of partners, implemented a CME to offer more organisations the opportunity to build their network and share their practices. Additionally, a training course was conducted for the partner's youth workers, to develop their capacity to deliver non-formal education in the field of entrepreneurship.



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Based on the current situation regarding youth unemployment and the lack of entrepreneurial spirit, the progress in mainstreaming entrepreneur education shall continue. Therefore, the aim of the project is to build capacity of youth organisations in supporting young entrepreneurs by including youth organisations working with entrepreneurship to the network and raise the quality of youth work in entrepreneurship education by providing non-formal learning opportunity for youth workers for their professional development.

The aim will be reached through the following objectives:

1. Broaden the network of youth organisations providing entrepreneurship education to young people across Europe
2. Utilise the best practices in entrepreneurship education shared among the network and identify shared innovative projects
3. Utilise newly established partnerships among the partners of the project to enhance local youth's mobility possibilities in the topic of entrepreneurship
4. Increase the competences and toolbox of youth workers from the partner organisations in delivering nonformal entrepreneurship education to young people
5. Build a community of youth workers from the partner organisations, so they can help each other professionally through and beyond the project in creating high quality and diverse entrepreneurship activities for young people.

Activities of the project:

Professional Development Activities:

1. Networking Event, Denmark - December 2021 Denmark

The Networking event will take place of 7 working days with participation of managers of youth organisations. The activity will be an invaluable opportunity for managers of the partner organisations to meet, network and share practices and experiences within youth entrepreneurship. It is expected that the activity will result in concrete partnerships and proposals for fostering youth entrepreneurship.

2. Training Course, Denmark – February 2022 Denmark

The training course will take place of 8 working days with participation of youth workers from the partner organisations. The activity will provide youth workers with renewed competencies and new tools for delivering non-formal entrepreneurship education to young people.

System Development and Outreach activity

(Potentially, to be defined)

Partner Responsibilities:

Partners' responsibilities are as listed in the "Partner Memorandum of Understanding" document (can be found in the "Expression of Interest" form, see the link below). Partners are required to read, understand and agree to the "Partner Memorandum of Understanding".

Selection of the Participants:



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Each partner will identify 2 candidates for the Contact making event, and 2 candidates for the training course. The candidates should be at least 22 years old as we are looking for a certain level of expertise in youth work and must fulfil the following requirements:

Contact Making Event:

- ✓ Representative of organisation who has mandate to make decisions on behalf of the organization, such as a manager or legal representative;
- ✓ Being committed to multiply the project results;
- ✓ Able to communicate fluently in English;
- ✓ Dedication to fostering youth entrepreneurship through their organisation's activities

Training Course:

- ✓ Youth worker motivated to use the tools and methods to promote entrepreneurship among young people;
- ✓ Being committed to multiply the project results;
- ✓ Able to communicate fluently in English;
- ✓ Knowledge about the non-formal education methods entrepreneurship will be an advantage.

About the applicant organisation

InterCollege is a social enterprise within the field of Education and Capacity Development, with key competence in cultural, civic and entrepreneurship education. The organisation was established in Denmark in 2010, and now cooperates with associated 'sister' organisations in the United Kingdom, Germany, Romania, Hungary and Norway. The vision of InterCollege is to stimulate global progress built upon international respect, understanding and coherence through:

- Facilitating bespoke education
- Being a counterpart to educational providers
- Mobilising and connecting People, Ideas and Resources

In order to express your interest in this project, please fill this form by 29/04/2021:

<https://form.jotform.com/211112849249960>

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