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Youth Enterprise
Shadowing Schemes



the project

YESS – Youth Enterprise Shadowing Schemes – is a 24 months Erasmus+ project (KA2: Strategic Partnership | Youth) designed to support the fight against unemployment among young people and, at the same time, influence their decision for their future careers, by enriching their understanding of the practical sides of entrepreneurship and self-employment through engaging them in the so-called “Enterprise Shadowing Scheme” (E.S.), which has proven to constitute quite effective educational processes in many countries.

In the Enterprise Shadowing Scheme, young people – by “shadowing” an entrepreneur - witness an enterprise’s environment, its challenges, the required skills, the value of entrepreneurial training and, therefore, become able to consider alternative career options for the future.

YESS will increase youth’s career awareness, reinforcing the link between already acquired skills and successfully starting new businesses.

The project will favourably impact existing policies and practices aiming at entrepreneurship development, especially on the youth sector.

objectives

To narrow the existing knowledge gap, provide awareness on key concepts and opportunities and equip young people with the needed tools to pursue successful entrepreneurial activity.

To facilitate exchanges of experience, learning and networking between young people / entrepreneurs-to-be with established entrepreneurs.

To build flexible approaches to create social impact through enterprise shadowing, strengthening the school-to-work transition.

To respond to common European problems of youth unemployment & lack of entrepreneurial activities by cooperating transnationally to mitigate these issues and propose valuable and feasible solutions.



results

Mapping and assessment of national enterprise shadowing practices reports: an investigation in all partner countries of previous experience of “Enterprise Shadowing” (ES) schemes, their main characteristics and views by enterprises and future ES participants.

Enterprise Shadowing Methodology, Training Materials, Guides and Tools: to support young people’s employability by providing them supporting tools and structuring a methodology through the involvement of all project targets and the implementation of ES.

Digital Training Content and Customised YESS e-Learning platform: An open source-learning platform hosted by Moodle for distance learning addressed to young people to exploit the materials developed during the project.

