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Preparatory action "Youth Guarantee"
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The aim of the project is to improve employability and enterprise skills of young people so they are prepared for work by strengthening cooperation between schools, career services, employment services, colleges, work-based learning providers and employers. To accomplish the aim, there will be key actions implemented:

1. Establish a Youth Guarantee Partnership [YGP] with partners such as public/private sector employment services, Hartlepool Borough Council [HBC], schools, employers, youth organisations and National Apprenticeship Service

2. Implement early identification systems for young people aged 15-24 years who are classified as high risk of becoming long term unemployed.

3. Design mentoring and re-engagement programmes for 250 young people classified as high risk of becoming NEET to progress into education, employment or training within 4 months of leaving school.

4. Deliver a curriculum for 15-16 year olds so they can access vocational training programmes at Key Stage 4 (Including improved access to a Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) vocational training programme).

5. Improve links between schools, work-based learning providers and employers to provide 15-16 year olds access to work-related learning including work experience, seminars on occupations, growth sectors, on preparing for the world of work and enterprise.

6. Develop Compacts between schools, work-based providers and employers to ensure there are improved routeways to apprenticeships and employment for school leavers.

7. Deliver a quality framework to ensure all schools provide impartial Careers Education Information, Advice and Guidance for all 15-16 year olds

8. Deliver quality internship/mentoring project for 16-19 year olds who are studying vocational or non-vocational courses.

9. Design with employers, pre-employment project and routeways to growth sectors for 18-24 year olds who are unemployed.

10. Develop a marketing strategy.
L'action s'adresse à 2 groupes de 25 jeunes ruraux de la Galice, elle comprend 3 étapes:

Étape 1 (2 mois), appliquée à la programmation / préparation du travail, par l'équipe technique, et à la constitution et sensibilisation / cohésion des deux groupes

Étape 2 (6 mois) Réalisation du programme OPILE sous la méthodologie de la formation-animation : les participants pratiquent l'alternance des périodes de travail à la siège du Programme, et d pratiques à réaliser chez eux ou dans leur cadre local de vie. Les deux sont étroitement liés et conçus pour doter au Programme OPILE des caractéristiques propres d'un projet d'auto-emploi pour les jeunes

Étape 3 (4 mois): l'Atelier de projets où les participants vont travailler à la siège local du Programme pour finir l'élaboration et préparer le lancement de leur projet d'entreprise/ emploi, suivant un itinéraire de travail personnalisé soutenu par l'équipe technique

C'est à cette étape où l'on prévoit une intervention plus active des deux réseaux de partenariat pour l'employabilité, qui avaient déjà commencé leur travail d'appui à l'équipe technique dans l'étape précédente

À cette étape finale l'équipe technique réalise aussi une tâche d'analyse et évaluation du travail et des résultats obtenus par les deux groupes destinataires, cherchant obtenir des éléments de jugement des contenus programmés et des niveaux de besoin d'appui aux participants

Il est également prévu réaliser une évaluation externe

L'annexe (E5) décrit l'action plus détaillée et en particulier, son Programme OPILE, dont les contenus thématiques sont présentés ainsi que ceux qui sont réalisés sous un régime de travail personnalisé.
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Vilnius City and County Business Employers Confederation | Labdariu str.5 - LT-01120 Vilnius | LT - Lithuania | "Establishing a partnership to set up a Youth Guarantee scheme in Vilnius region" | 127 040.62 | 95 

Problem: Youth unemployment rate is several times higher than the national unemployment rate in Lithuania. Lithuanian government indicated the key weaknesses of the situation - lack of cooperation among social partners, shortage of knowledge and information about labor relations, to complicated regulation of labor relations. On one hand, employers are blamed for creation of the low-skilled and low-pay job places, for avoiding employing young people. On the other hand, trade unions are blamed for a small number of membership and collective agreements, lack of education and training programs for young people. The aim of this project is to develop and strengthen the most efficient and effective partnership among employers, trade unions, education institution and public institution responsible for recruitment, to ensure that young people can make informed decisions about future educational or professional steps and are aware of the services available to them when leaving school. Currently, the youth unemployment rate in Lithuania is 25.6 percent. Social partners conducted a study, which shows, that young people feel a gap of knowledge on topics: Labor Code, collective bargaining and collective agreement, laws that protect and represent employee, activities of trade unions and employers' organizations, the importance to be active and civic, entrepreneurship, possibilities to start small business, youth sector in Lithuania and EU, Strategy Europe 2020, Initiative Youth on Move, National reform Agenda. The project partners developed training and motivation system, which will provide knowledge’s on essential topics and also will organize the first working praxis in the enterprises of the Applicant organization. The activities of the project will take place in 8 municipalities of Vilnius County. Vilnius County is build of 8 separate municipalities. Vilnius County is the largest state-level territorial unit in Lithuania.
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**Project summary**

Location of the action: Valencia Region

Total duration of the action: 12 months

Partnership: IVAJ, SAFE, AJEV, EVAP, Alanna, CJCV, FGUV, FEH. Objectives: The overall project objective is to establish and strengthen partnerships between different actors in the sector of youth employment in Valencia to promote youth employment opportunities and ensure a better harmonization of labor market policies with labor demand.

Specific objectives are:
- to equip young people between 18 and 24 years with entrepreneurial tools, skills, practical knowledge and trainings enabling them to set up their business and enter into the labour market changing their behaviour face to job searching;
- to establish and evaluate a new methodology of access to the labour market and a public-private partnership through a pilot initiative based on self-employment as a way to foster the creation of new SMEs.

Target group: The project’s actions are aimed at 50 young unemployed people between 18 and 24 years. There will be two sub-groups. The first will be of those unemployed for at least 6 months and the second those young unemployed people who have just finished the university career or vocational training. There will be selected at least 60% of women and 20% of youngsters at risk of social exclusion.

Expected results:
- R1 setting up of a public-private consortium designing a Guarantee Scheme;
- R2 50 young unemployed people between 18 and 24 years selected;
- R3 50 participants trained throughout the courses at the end of the 5th month;
- R4 50 youngsters trained throughout a 2-week internship in an enterprise;
- R5 at least 60% of participants tutored;
- R6 at least 40% of the participants’ BP presented;
- R7 at least 30% of the participants’ business undertaken;
- R8 at least 30% of the target group’s enterprises implemented and mentored;
- R9 a networking group of young entrepreneurs facilitated;
- R10 a Business Incubator implemented;
- R11 a final conference;
- R12 a video realized;
- R13 evaluation realized.
The London Borough of Croydon in partnership with multiple stakeholders will deliver axis ‘a’ of the preparatory action. The action will specifically develop and implement a borough-wide mechanism for sustained employer education partnership at a) a strategic level and at b) an operational level between schools and businesses. Through this partnership, a holistic model of employability skills delivery will be developed and implemented through outputs and activities involving partnership co-ordination, information advice and guidance training and capacity building in selected secondary schools (and colleges) in Croydon. The employer-education partnership will enable schools to build their capacity to deliver effective employer engagement which is vital for securing employment, further education and training opportunities for young people as part of Croydon’s Youth Guarantee.
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**Project summary**

With this Project, it is sought to launch a "Youth Employment and Activation Agency" as Youth Guarantee Scheme at local level in the municipality of Gijón in the region of Asturias (north of Spain). The unemployment rate in the region dated June 2012 for Young people under 24 years old is 44.21 %, the double of the average unemployment rate for the European Union in May 2012 (22.7 %). The Youth Employment and Activation Agency is going to be a service of activation and labour intermediation and it is foreseen to obtain the authorisation from the regional government to be a Recruitment Agency according the Spanish law RD 1796/2010 dated 30th of December. To do this, a Consortia called “Steering Committee” is going to be created where the main local and regional stakeholders are going to be involved: the Local Agency of Economic Promotion and Employment of Gijón City Council with a broad experience in the development of active employment policies and that is going to lead this proposal; the regional Public Employment Service, Regional Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports, the regional Employers Association with a large representation of businesses and the Youth Council to guarantee the involvement of the local young associations.

Through the Agency it is sought:

- A working mechanism targeted young people between 15 and 30 years olds considered NEETs (neither in employment, nor in education or training) that is going to offer orientation and tailor-made counselling to the aim to activate them and to improve their employability or facilitate the insertion in the labour market.

- A working mechanism with the enterprises in the territory that allows obtaining: trainees, internships, apprenticeships, work contracts, training contracts or other kind of collaboration. The enterprises that are going to take part in the project will join a Business Club called "Enterprises committed with young people" that could be used as part of their Corporate Social Responsibility.
Our project proposal is focused on creating a cooperation network between several institutions and social partners that operate at local level to develop an innovative and pilot experience of the “Youth Guarantee” (YG) scheme in the municipality of Cartagena. With these new methodologies this network would allow, within four months, the access to an offer of employment, studies, apprenticeships or other activation measures to groups of 120 young people, aged between 16 and 24.

The mentioned network would set up as a coordination space among different actors who work in the field of education, training and employment together with young people, and new bilateral and multilateral proceedings of collaboration would be created.

The use of different resources would be coordinated and optimized for the social-educational and access to labour market services are being offered in Cartagena and promoted by public institutions and social private partners regardless of their performance area (local, regional and national exclusively).

The main representative platforms of the youth (at local and national level) would be involved in the design of the pilot project in order to ensure the youth participation and approach in the YG scheme.

An individualistic intervention with every beneficiary would be developed, which allows diagnosing the needs and demands of the youth in different areas not only in relation to education and employment, but also regarding other aspects such as health, housing, family and social environment, legal advice, etc.

Besides the intervention with young people, our proposal takes in account the need of a strong co-ordination between educational and labour guidance and between employers and educational system.

Finally, the impact and the achieved results would be drawn up through a professional monitoring and a quantitative and qualitative evaluation work that will turn to the use of several tools for social research.
The project proposal builds on the Regional youth policy and brings it forward introducing elements of innovation in terms of methodology, processes and services. The project brings together (as project partners and supporting parties) the key labour market actors both public and private at local and regional level in order to assure a co-operation for testing an innovative intervention model addressed to NEETs that would result flexible, effective, efficient and sustainable, thus replicable in different contexts.

Partners are dedicated to co-operate with renewed commitment to design and experiment integrated services as a “Youth Guarantee Scheme” that supports young unemployed persons, and NEETs in particular, in accessing personal development pathways focussing on job placements or education/vocational training programmes.

The project core, being the test phase, articulates in at least four main steps:
- Identification of NEETs, setting up an “observatory capacity” which allows collecting first-hand data about the NEETs phenomenon to be used for further policy analysis.
- Analysis of NEETs’ needs, carrying out an authentic diagnosis phase with each single NEET person involved.
- Involvement of the NEETs in personalised development programmes, so to prevent social exclusion and to minimise the risk of marginalisation and stigma. Under the supervision of a “case manager”, each NEET will experience guidance and coaching support.
- Implementation of the personalised development programmes with the launch of the tailor-made actions implying job placements, or internship programmes, or in-company training, or vocational training programmes, or education or further education programmes.

The local network of stakeholders will have a key role in providing these opportunities. Players such as: employers’ associations, trade unions, companies, social enterprises, third sector organisations, VET providers, education and further education institutes, etc. will be involved.
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The project is focused on priority A and it is aimed at strengthening information, orientation, and activation actions targeted to the NEETs in the Veneto Region. Currently, there are about 97,000 Neets in Veneto and they represent 13% of the young population, including a significant presence of immigrants; this phenomena is more linked to inactivity rather than to unemployment.

New Zealand and Finnish best practises are the main point of reference in the design of the regional Youth Guarantee Scheme based on the reinforcement of the regional and local network with main stakeholders (institutions, public employment services, schools, associations, companies, cooperatives, …) concerned with the chosen target group and able to influence on the success of the TEST CASE proposed in the province of Treviso.

Applicant is the Region of Veneto, Directorate of Labour, the regional ESF authority likely to favour establishing of a stable Youth Guarantee scheme post-funding. Other partners are: Province of Treviso (local public administration), Istituto Universitario Salesiano Venezia (Educational Sciences Faculty), Scuola Centrale Formazione (national association of VET centres recognized by the Ministry of Labour) and the Regional School Office (USR Veneto) representing the Italian Ministry of Education at the regional level.

The key work packages are:

1. Reinforcement of the network
2. Getting in touch with the NEETs: this WP implies the development of new information and orientation tools to be used free on Facebook and supported by blogs. Two “Cocktails Opportunities” events will be organised, and appropriate communication tools will be produced to reach the target group.
3. Giving answers towards the Labour market, includes visits to companies, in-company-guidance and training placements, work experiences and a self-entrepreneurship lab.
4. Evaluation
5. Project management.
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Il progetto vuole implementare una nuova metodologia di intervento per quanto riguarda i giovani a rischio di abbandono scolastico. Questa metodologia si propone di costruire una nuova rete locale tra scuole / comunità locale / società civile e mondo delle imprese. Il territorio di Legnago è caratterizzato da importanti rischi, per i giovani, di emarginazione sociale per questi motivi principali: isolamento della famiglia, divario negativo tra le famiglie e i servizi sociali del territorio, importante immigrazione locale, scarsa rete locale tra i servizi di inclusione socio-lavorativa e i giovani. Le principali azioni si possono riassumere in: prima fase: ricerca per individuare e identificare la natura e il numero esatto di dispersione scolastica sul territorio; seconda fase: creare un pool di esperti, rappresentativi del mondo della scuola / della società civile / della comunità locale e delle imprese, con l'obiettivo di creare una metodologia specifica e locale di intervento; terza fase: sperimentazione di questa metodologia di intervento sulle quattro aree indicate. La metodologia si fonderà su principi chiari definiti già in fase di pre-progettazione. Tali principi riguardano le modalità d'intervento nei confronti di giovani in abbandono scolastico, principi che partono da una visione individuale per raggiungere una visione olistica che sappia racchiudere tutti i principali aspetti di vita del giovane (scuola, società, lavoro). La necessità di mettere in rete tutti gli attori per un'incisiva azione sia di prevenzione che di vero intervento non può non prendere in considerazione l'importanza e il valore del lavoro congiunto di più realtà diverse nel loro background culturale e professionale. Quarta fase: creazione di un osservatorio stabile in grado di promuovere sia interventi di prevenzione sul territorio che favorire nuove progettualità d'intervento in grado di affrontare la problematica oggetto della presente proposta progettuale.
The project involves building and testing of local cooperation (partnership) between the Local Government Units, schools, non-government organizations and entrepreneurs as far as competence development of young people (aged 15-24) is concerned. It provides ‘guarantee’ of successful entering the employment market. The model in question assumes creation of Local Council for Youth Competence Development that would take the initiatives aiming at adjusting the offers of educational institutions to employment market requirements and support as far as conscious choice of adequate educational path is concerned. Council’s actions are to ensure, among others, realization of didactic paths developed by experts providing an opportunity for development of competences in directions suggested by local employers. It would give young people an insight into the functioning of local employment environment. It would also direct them into the subject of competence development in a way that satisfies the requirements of employment market.

Miechów Borough has been chosen to initiate the programme and can serve as a model, since its structure exemplifies the problems that concern other boroughs, municipalities and town with up to 25 000 inhabitants. Furthermore, Miechów Brough is one of the regions in Poland with highest unemployment rate among young people up to 25.

Duration of the project: 12 months. First 5 months would involve development of the tool – cooperation model. The next stage involves testing of the project by an operator – Miechów Borough – 5 moths. Following stage – 2 month – involve detailed evaluation of testing process. Provided that evaluation confirms effectiveness of the tool, the last moth of the project would be dedicated to preparation and distribution (propagation) of the final tool version.
The project aims at implementing a programme of Youth Guarantee called “Coaching for youth employability” at a local level. It will be developed in coherence with all the other ongoing youth programmes carried out in the city at the moment.

Two different innovative and highly qualified training processes will be implemented. The target will be two different groups of young people separated by level of formal qualification:

- **Group 1**: Unqualified young people, in risk of school failure and early drop out;
- **Group 2**: Qualified young people lacking competences for the enterprises requirements of the sector.

This programme focuses on four main themes:

1. Setting up of a powerful partnership in order to facilitate cooperation and engagement of all of the stakeholders -such as social agents, local and regional authorities for youth, employment and education; entrepreneurs, young people and youth organizations. The goal is to empower and activate the targeted young people with new methods that can improve the possibilities of future development of the project and transferability.
2. Establishment of a coaching system in which personal and collective support will be provided in order to motivate the young people to achieve the knowledge, skills and competences they develop more efficiently.
3. Youth empowerment as a distinctive theme across the project. This means building stimulating, collaborative relationships with the participants, promoting their creative and participative skills in both individual and collective ways within the project.
4. Improvement of labour market accessibility by increasing the specific competencies of their careers, promoting a return to training and reducing the transition between the education system and access to employment.
Pentru a diminua efectele negative, pe termen lung, asupra parcursului profesional al tinerilor si a excluziunii sociale de mai târziu, acest proiect propune implicarea acestora in urmatoarele măsuri active pentru prevenirea abondonului scolar timpuriu si includere pe piata muncii:
- Actiuni strategice de actiune locala pentru cresterea gradului de insertie a tinerilor pe piata muncii. Actiunile strategice de actiune locala au la baza creerea unei retele parteneriale, la nivel judetean, din care vor face parte reprezentantii institutiilor publice si private judetene implicate in politicile de ocupare si formare, reprezentanti ai scolilor pilot precum si o retea de Consilieri pentru Indrumare si Orientare Profesionala. O Platforma virtuala, Centrul Vocational de Asistenta in Cariera a Tinerilor (CVACT) va pune alaturi cererea si oferta de munca, de calificare si formare profesionala continua, operatori care asigura cultivarea si dezvoltarea competenelor, a spiritului antreprenorial si acces la informare.
- Masuri de prevenire-consientizare pentru 80 de tineri din licee tehnologice din zone defavorizate. Acest nivel presupune realizarea de JOBCluburi in care cei 80 de elevi vor beneficia de servicii de consiliere si orientare profesionala, oferite de catre profesiuri certificati. Ulterior aceste echipe vor constiui persoane resurse pentru alți tineri din școala, vor acționa ca multiplicatori în activități de sensibilizare privind oportunitatile antreprenoriatului.
- Masuri de integrare profesionala a tinerilor. Pentru ca multi dintre tinerii care parasesc liceul nu au competențe suficiente pentru a intra pe piata muncii, in cadrul proiectului am propus efectuarea de Stagii de ucenicie si internship iar pentru exersarea abilitatilor antreprenoriale, vor fi inflitate 4 start-upuri virtuale, care vor fi inregistrate pe platforma www.CVACT.ro.
The scourge of unemployment is pummelling young Spaniards. Unemployment for youths in Spain is very high, with a rate of 52.9% for those under 25 years of age (Eurostat, July 2012), compared to a rate of 22.6% in the Euro Zone. According to the latest data from the Labour Force Survey (LFS) corresponding to the second quarter of 2012, the youth unemployment rate in Aragon for the under-25 group is 39.8%, especially highlighting the increase in unemployment in the population between 16 and 19 years of age, whose rate has increased more than 30 points (up to 64.2%). The European Council has highlighted “the importance of apprenticeship and vocational practice for youths, especially in the context of the youth guarantees and the new mobility systems. Experience shows that in the countries with “dual” apprenticeship systems, the young people have more possibilities of accessing jobs (Austria, Germany, Denmark), and Spain lacks a dual apprenticeship system of its own; it presents youth unemployment rates that are fivefold the rates of countries that do have it implemented. The general objective of this proposal is the design and elaboration of an intervention methodology, based on a dual apprenticeship model that combines vocational practice in companies through performance of remunerated work, with training-education adjusted to the needs of the business fabric. The methodology will be comprised by dual apprenticeship models designed to suit the different profiles of the collective of unemployed young people in Aragon, and must be implemented with the specific collaboration of private companies from all the sectors of activity and of training providers, both in the area of formal education and in vocational training for employment, adhered and attracted for this purpose. The project led by the Employment Institute of Aragon (INAEM), will count with a partnership comprised by 11 organisations enough experienced and accredited solvency with youth people in the region.

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This action aims to facilitate transition from school to work and to increase youth employment, by strengthening job orientation in high school graduates. It will improve the networking capacity of relevant actors and stakeholders in the Region Lazio, in order to strengthen job orientation in high school graduates and to promote closer contacts with employers and the local labour markets, particularly in the handicraft, tourism and manufacturing sectors.

Main activities:
• Pilot secondary schools and firms will be selected in the Lazio Region to participate in the test scheme(s).
• Information and awareness raising activities on the available services proposed by the partners will be carried out within the schools, including job counseling, training, apprenticeship, placement and self-employment services and job opportunities.
• Individualized ad-hoc services will be offered to the students (job counseling on specific apprenticeship opportunities, self-employment schemes and related entrepreneurship training modules, placement within – inter alia – the partnership’s network of enterprises and labour market information centers).
• Training modules will be provided by the partners’ specialized training institutes on most required skills in the area/sector, professional profiles, entrepreneurship models.
• Implementation of 2 “Career Days” and “Practical Workshops” within firms will be organized with the participation of the pilot schools, partners and their network of enterprises.
• An evaluation of the project’s results will be carried out to ensure the future sustainability of the proposed scheme(s).
• Analytical and methodological findings will be elaborated, aiming at identifying the gaps and missing links, and at ensuring the transferability of the scheme(s) in other regions.
• A final seminar will be organized to share and disseminate the project findings and results.
The provision of a Youth Guarantee Gateway for 15-25 year olds residing in or in the travel to work areas of the county of Pembrokeshire aimed at getting 80% of young people into employment, work-focused education or training within 4 months of leaving school/FE or becoming unemployed.

The Youth Guarantee Gateway will consist of 3 engagement strands:

**Strand A**  15-17 year old participating in Schools/FE provision

**Strand B**  16-17 year old NEETS

**Strand C**  18-25 year old NEETS

The activation measure consists of the range of provision:

- Identification and engagement by partner organisations
- Personalised individual mentoring of young people
- ‘Bite-size’ tasters
- Development of personal and social skills
- The world of work, (local labour market)
- Employability skills
- Digital capability and on-line recruitment
- Work tasters/placements/Clubs
- Job broking
- Employer events/visits/presentations
- Links to business and industry
- Career planning and progression
- Entrepreneurship/Enterprise
- Money Matters – financial independence
- Intro to training/learning options
- Links to vocational learning, apprenticeships and mainstream employment programmes that support the journey into work
- Issue based work

Additional provision/support will be provided if analysis identifies a need.

The method of delivery of each strand will differ according the beneficiary group.

Strand A-working with Schools and FE providers an additional 15-30 hours work-focused education/activity. An analysis of each organisation’s needs in the context of the local labour market and pupil/student ability and aspirations will be undertaken and agreed in advance of delivery.

Strand B-working with pupils age 16 to identify pupils at risk of becoming NEET. The project will provide intervention activities for both groups and individuals.

Strand C-working with Jobcentre Plus/FE providers to identify 18-24 who are at risk/NEET. A strong focus will be on employment
Despite Ireland's high level of youth unemployment, the country does not currently operate a Youth Guarantee Scheme (YGS). This proposal aims to develop and implement a Youth Guarantee model that will be piloted at a local level in one of the most socially disadvantaged areas in Ireland - Ballymun, Dublin.

The proposal will bring together the public employment services, education and training providers, local development organisations, local employers and youth services who will collaborate to finalise the design of the pilot scheme and then work together to implement, monitor, and evaluate a pilot YGS.

The pilot scheme will include elements of assessment, guidance, education and training with a particular focus on providing a work placement opportunity with local employers as a route to permanent employment for young people aged 18 to 24.

The initiative will be managed at strategic level by a partnership of senior representatives of these key stakeholder organisations, led by the state Department of Social Protection – this Department operates the public employment service for Ireland. This partnership approach will be mirrored at local level by a similar team which will implement the pilot scheme. This approach is designed to ensure that lessons from the local pilot experience will assist in the formation of national policy regarding the future development of Youth Guarantee Schemes and contribute to the further development of European Union policy in that regard.