



Yes volunteering - Final virtual meeting facilitated by Spain

The Erasmus+ project "Yes volunteering" which the Aurive social cooperative of Novara, together with 6 partner organisations, is in its last step of implementation. To further enhance project results and the partnership organized the last video conference seminar, which was held from 23th September 2021 in Smart Working.

This is an Erasmus Plus strategic partnerships project for adults focused on the exchange of good practices in the field of volunteering for inclusion, involving associations from 6 countries: Italy (Aurive), Portugal (Rightchallenge); Austria (InterAktion); Turkey (Yasam Boyu Egitim Dernegi); Slovenia (Novo Mesto); Deses 3 (Spain).

As last international seminar the online meeting was a chance to analyze the overall results of the local and international activities of the project, started september 2020. The partners in 2 years realized 8 outcomes : 2 surveys on learning needs of volunteers and on value of volunteering experiences in the cv of the job seekers , a toolkit with educational resources, a toolkit with infographics to promote the value of volunteering, an e book with guidelines for social workers involved in volunteering programs management, video interview to relevant stakeholders in the field of volunteering. The set of outcomes is designed as a relevant step in supporting social workers toward increased quality in volunteering programs management; as well as a set of resources aimed to help potential volunteers to consider volunteering not only for personal but also for professional empowerment. The collected information and resources will help the "Yes volunteering" Erasmus+ Ka2 project Team to improve the quality of volunteering programs, finding the best way to use volunteering as a tool to meet the empowerment needs of job seekers as well as the needs of employers and society. During the September 2021 transnational meeting partner will confront on the follow up ideas , to to further enhance the potential of volunteering as a tool for social inclusion and skills empowerment in disadvantaged people.

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Press release – Yes volunteering Erasmus+ project outcomes

The international network of promoters of the Erasmus+ strategic partnership for adults “Yes volunteering” is happy to present the last project outcomes focused on the exchange of best practices and expertise on the value of volunteering for skills empowerment in disadvantaged people.

The project led to the development of a total number of 9 outcomes as following:

- 1 RESEARCH REPORT - Online survey on learning needs of volunteers
- RESEARCH REPORT - Online survey on entrepreneurs and value given to volunteering in the CV of the job seekers
- 3 E books for the dissemination of best practices in 3 areas: 1) Volunteering & skills empowerment in low skilled - low qualified young people; 2) Volunteering & skills empowerment in international settings; 3) Volunteering in emergency situations.

The new last 3 outcomes are all aimed to provide useful ideas and reflections to those managing volunteering programs in order to further enhance the power of volunteering and to support the personal and the professional development of people at risk of exclusion. Each outcome is specifically designed to provide educational resources to social workers toward increased quality in volunteering programs management.

Specifically:

- the toolkit with educational resources will help social workers and coordinators to increase quality in the management of all the different stages of a volunteering program:

- selection
- placement
- tutoring
- mentoring
- evaluation

The collection of guidelines is aimed at providing a wide set of insights suggestions to be used by social workers to address the learning needs of the volunteers, regarding the key competences needed to enter and to remain in the labour market.

The specific goal of this tool is to provide the different stakeholders who are involved in volunteer

programs with indications to improve the inclusion of disadvantaged targets involved in volunteering programs for skills empowerment.

The collection of infographics about volunteering

The guidelines for quality in volunteering programs management were realized by consulting different sort of stakeholders so to represent ideas and proposals for increased quality in volunteering programs coming from the following relevant community representatives:

- social workers who manage the programs;
- participants/beneficiaries of the volunteering programs (different types of volunteers, especially disadvantaged targets).

Our approach was oriented to collect guidelines and suggestions regarding the improvement of the quality of volunteering programs not only by consulting social workers but also consulting other sort of stakeholders involved.

Finally the collection of infographics is designed as a set of resources on information/guidance on volunteering. The infographics are a tool to increase awareness of disadvantaged targets on the following topics:

1 why to volunteer is important - 2 volunteering chances and value for people with economical disadvantage - 3 volunteering chances and value for NEETS - 4 volunteering chances and value for people with disabilities - 5 volunteering chances and value for unemployed adults - 6 volunteering potential in rural areas - 7 volunteering for people with immigrant background.

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