

MY WAY is a European project under the Lifelong Learning Programme, Leonardo da Vinci - Transfer of Innovation.

Duration of the Project:

Start > 01/11/2013 - End > 30/10/2015

Partnership:

The transnational project involves 6 organisations from 6 different member states:

Lebenshilfe Graz und Umgebung Voitsberg (AT) is a non-profit organisation that offers people with disabilities, special learning needs and their families all the important services and support measures – in the city of Graz and in the surrounding districts Graz Umgebung, Voitsberg, and Deutschlandsberg.
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Spoleczna Akademia Nauk (PL), University of Social Sciences, is a private University situated in Łódź, the third biggest city in Poland.
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Asociación de Servicios a Empresas y Actividades Diversas de Madrid (ES), ADESEMA, was founded in Madrid in 2001 with the objective of involving those organizations and companies whose main activities are the service delivery to companies.
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Aġenzija Żgħażaġh (MT) is a public organism that has the aim to develop youth policy in areas such as employment, health, education and all the other fields in which young people are involved.
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Stephansstift Zentrum für Erwachsenenbildung (DE), Centre for Adult Education, is a regional provider for adult and continuing education in Hannover, Germany.
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EURO-NET (IT) is a not for profit organization, that is member of 52 international networks (5 of them are EU networks: Europe Direct, Euroguidance, Eurodesk, Solvit and EBN - European Business & Innovation Centre Network).
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Further Cooperation exists with:

Bundessozialamt Landesstelle Steiermark (AT) with its 9 provincial head offices belongs to the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection and is a focal point for people with disabilities. The focus of the BSB is on the vocational integration of people with disabilities. The BSB is coordinating and funding a wide range of connected offers. These services are directed towards employees and employers.
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What is the challenge?

For many young people, especially for young people with special education needs or difficult socio-economic background the interface between **lower secondary education and the entrance into the labour market** is a sensible stage of development. The high risk to drop out of education or training without having a job often has serious consequences for the whole life of young people. Low levels of education do also have high economic and social consequences for society.

What is the contribution to a solution?

MY WAY is the name of an European Leonardo da Vinci project aiming to offer young people at risk, young people with special education needs or difficult socio-economic background good perspectives in the labour market.

The **partnership** of the project consists of 6 organisations from Austria, Germany, Italy, Malta, Poland and Spain.

In Austria the Bundessozialamt has implemented the “Youth Coaching” Model that offers support for young people. It is based on **counselling, networking, case management and career planning**. One of the biggest challenges in European countries is how to reach young people and how to motivate youth at risk for education and training programs.

MY WAY will combine **Youth Coaching** with **Peer Group Workshops** as an instrument to reach and motivate young people. The Model will be optimised by the influence of European good practices within the network and transferred to European countries. MY WAY could be a participative intervention **to reduce the drop-out rate of young people in education**.

Who is doing what?

Specialists from 6 European organisations from 6 countries will be working together to organise and implement Peer Group Workshops and to produce a **MY WAY Compilation** that can be used as a reference point for service providers, trainers, professionals, as well as stakeholders in the youth employment sector. The MY WAY Compilation will provide compact information in order to better reach youth at risk with different kinds of intervention programs in the youth employment sector and in order to transfer the information/results to different European member states.



How can it work?

Young people from all partner countries will be experts in their own matter. After an international **Train the Trainer Workshop** the young people will organise **Peer Group Workshops** in their home countries in order to reach more young people at risk.

This Compilation will include most of all **exchange** and **analyses** of existing empowering support and interventions for youth at risk that lead to innovative practises and recommendations in the practical working field with educational programs for youth at risk and learners with special needs. The exchanged, analysed and upgraded Youth Coaching concept can be adapted for use in different European states.

What will be available?

The **main results** of the project will include a Web Site and the MY WAY Compilation containing:

- The state of the art of services and interventions concerning youth at risk in Austria, Germany, Italy, Malta, Poland and Spain and in other European countries.
- Good practice examples concerning empowering interventions for the integration of youth at risk into training and educational programs.
- The overview of the Austrian Youth Coaching concept and recommendations for improvement.
- Curricula for the Train the Trainer and Peer Group Workshops.
- The guideline for a successful transfer and implementation in different European countries.

