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The Project

MY WAY is a Leonardo da Vinci project with a duration of 2 years of activities (01/11/2013 – 31/10/2015) 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 Project



The partnership of the project, that consists of various organizations coming from 6 different countries (Austria, Germany, Italy, Malta, Poland and Spain), intends with this initiative to **reduce the drop-out rate of young people in education**: in fact the project will combine Youth Coaching with Peer Group Workshops as an instrument to reach and motivate young people and it will realise a final Compilation of good practices.

The partnership



The first phase of the project

The first 8 months of the project were characterized especially by: **Start-up**

- 1 > the start-up meeting in Austria;
- 2 > the realisation of a national research to gain an overview of the state of art of services and interventions concerning youth at risk in all the countries of the partnership and in other European countries;
- 3 > the second project meeting in Poland.



The first project meeting, that was held in **Graz** in the period **26-29 November 2013** and hosted by the Austrian coordinator (Lebenshilfe Graz und Umgebung - Voitsberg), was the occasion for the all partners to:

Meeting in Austria

- 1 > attempt several workshops;
- 2 > define the operational steps of the project's development with the assignment of specific tasks and responsibilities;
- 3 > understand better the various administrative rules of the European programme, showed by a responsible of the Austrian LLP Agency.

The desk research on situation and needs of final beneficiaries showed common challenges for all countries to open new paths for young people to face their individual problems concerning education or employment. A **common strategy** of support could be a way to give young people new perspectives and options.

The research

The second meeting of the project MY WAY, that was held in **Lodz** in the period **15-18 June 2014**, was hosted by the Polish partner, Spoleczna Akademia Nauk (University of Social Sciences). After the presentation of desk researches realized by the whole partnership, the partners had the opportunity to discuss, also in form of various workshops, about different steps of the project:

Meeting in Polonia

- 1 > transferability guideline;
- 2 > next workpackages;
- 3 > dissemination activities.



Finally it was also decided to realize the 3rd project meeting (a T.o.T. seminar) in **Hannover** (a major centre of Northern Germany and the country's thirteenth largest city) in the period **15-18 January 2015**.

Meeting in Germania



Next steps

Now the partnership is working on the organisation of:

- 1 > **Focus group** in five countries (Austria, Germany, Malta, Poland and Spain). Each group of young people will meet 6 times to come up with recommendations for reaching out to young people particularly youth at risk of becoming early school leavers.

Focus group



- 2 > A training seminar to be realised in Germany in the beginning of the next year: it will be an international Peer-Education-Seminar with the participation of 2 young people coming from all the partners' countries (except Italy, that, instead, will be involved in the dissemination activities). The seminar will be addressed young people who want to offer **Peer-Group-Workshops** in the youth employment field especially for youth at risk. On base of the test and evaluation results the MY WAY Compilation will be improved.

Peer-Group-Workshop



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