

Empowering and Activating the young Generation through the Learning of Employability Skills

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The goal of EAGLES is to tackle the youth unemployment problem by developing important Employability Skills (such as, communication, team-work, critical thinking) to young job seekers in combination with Positive Emotions, Psychological Resilience, Optimism. The main goal of the project is the development of a very innovative and practical training package which will be utilised by Youth Workers, who will be trained by the EAGLES team and will then act as multipliers of this knowledge. Emphasis will be placed on transferring positive emotions and optimis as well as the development of important skills that will help them during transition and job search.





IMPLEMENTED ACTIVITIES

April 2016: The Kick-off meeting was held on the 8th of April, 2016 at GrantXpert's Offices in Nicosia, Cyprus. All members of the consortium attended the meeting in which all relevant information regarding upcoming activities, intellectual outputs, multiplier events, the role and responsibilities of each partner in each output was discussed.

May 2016 - June 2016: Current State of the Art. A comprehensive literature search led to the identification of most relevant projects and statistical data on a national and European level. All partners contributed to the development of evidence based Report.

July 2016 - August 2016: The National Needs' Analysis Report.

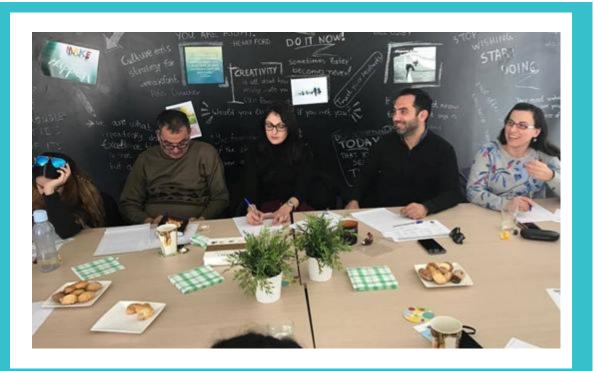
Questionnaires were distributed in each participating countries to 160 employers and to 80 unemployed young people in total. The questionnaires examined the existing situation in partner's countries and the level of knowledge, know-how and skills of young people. Based on the questionnaires the partners analyzed senior managers' perceptions in terms of necessary skills they look for in a young employee.

September 2016: The 2nd Transnational meeting was successfully held on the 12th and 13th of September, 2016 at ICEPE premises in Maynooth, Ireland. The meeting was a great opportunity for all partners to share their experience and key findings from the project's national needs' analysis results and to discuss issues emerged from the project's extensive literature review. During the meeting, a very constructive workshop was conducted by all partners assisting in the development of the format and structure of the project's training package.

September 2016- January 2017: Development of Training Package. The EAGLES Training Package is the most important output of the project as it is considered a very useful resource for Youth Workers to support young people's positivity and self-confidence and to assist them in enhancing their employability skills.

January 2017 - March 2017: Piloting the Training Package. The pilot testing phase is to present the learning among the consortium partners and to be able to make the final changes/corrections/additions on the learning units. The 2nd step is to implement the 50-hour training program to 10 youth workers in each participating country (Cyprus, Italy, Greece and Ireland).

April 2017: The 3rd Transnational meeting was successfully held on the 24-25th of April, 2017 at PANTEION premises in Athens, Greece. The meeting was a great opportunity for all partners to share their experience and final key findings from the project's national piloting analysis results and to finalize the Training Package. The partners also discussed issues emerged from the project's upcoming Dissemination events.



Dissemination Events will be organised in centrally located venue in all participating countries. Invitation will be sent to young people, the pilot testing participants members of youth organisations, HR representatives, life coaches, Career Advisors, university students and other relevant stakeholders. The invitees will have the chance to be informed about the project's objectives and overall implemented activities. They will be also presented with the Educational Training Materials (as well as the online platform).

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