Project title:
DARE - Day One Alliance for Employment

WHY:
Cyprus, Italy, Greece and Portugal have weak systems on career planning, entrepreneurship education and validation of non-formal learning. Experience from other European countries has shown that such initiatives increase the employment opportunities of young people.

WHAT:
The Partners from Poland, Lithuania and Austria will share their work on these topics and support the establishment of Job Labs and Entrepreneurship Labs that will help 1400 young people into education or a job. The project will also establish systems for validation of non-formal learning. The aim is to draw experience from the Youthpass certificate but extend its impact in terms of target groups, scope, and level of innovation.

Target groups:
- Young people not in employment, education or training in Greece, Italy, Portugal and Cyprus
- Employers who would like to test a system for validation of non-formal learning

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ABOUT THE EEA AND NORWAY GRANTS
The EEA and Norway Grants represent the contribution of Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway to reducing economic and social disparities and to strengthening bilateral relations with 15 EU countries in Central and Southern Europe and the Baltics. For the period 2014-2021, the total contribution is €2.8 billion (EEA Grants €1.5 billion and Norway Grants €1.3 billion).

Under the EEA Agreement, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway are part of the European internal market. The EEA Agreement sets out the common goal of working together to reduce social and economic disparities.