



Project title:

A Place for Youth in Mediterranean EEA: Resilient and Sharing Economies for NEETs

Country	Project partner status	Institution	Type of institution	City
	Lead partner	University of the Aegean	Public	Mytilene
	Beneficiary partner	Cyprus Authority for Cooperative Societies	Public	Nicosia
	Beneficiary partner	Neapolis University Pafos	Private	Paphos
	Beneficiary partner	Centre for the Advancement of Research and Development in Educational Technology LTD	Private	Nicosia
	Beneficiary partner	Network for Employment and Social Care	Private non-profit	Piraeus
	Beneficiary partner	Social Cooperatives' Network of Central Macedonia	CSO	Thessaloniki
	Beneficiary partner	Territorial Association Comunita Montana Alto Bassento	Public	Potenza
	Beneficiary partner	GAL La Cittadella del Sapere srl	Public/private	Latronico
	Beneficiary partner	Sistema Turismo srl	Private	Potenza
	Beneficiary partner	Educational association for integration and equality	NGO	Murcia
	Beneficiary partner	Catholic University of Murcia	Private non-profit	Murcia
	Expertise partner	Fafo, Institute for Labour and Social Research	Non-profit	Oslo

ABOUT THE PROJECT

WHY: In addition to youth unemployment, many of the coastal and island regions of the Mediterranean countries share problems related to the refugee crisis and the creation of sustainable jobs. This complex situation calls for transnational cooperation in research and development of evidence-based solutions to lower the unemployment rate and improve the local economy.

WHAT: The project partners will create a transnational research network and an employment centre to train young people for jobs in the food production and waste management sectors. The project entails on-the-job training courses in social enterprises and mentoring of former NEETs in setting up new social enterprises.

PROJECT DURATION (months):
42

GRANT AMOUNT:
€ 1.8 MILLION

AREAS OF SUPPORT:
INNOVATION & EXPLORATION,
TRANSFER OF KNOW-HOW, ANALYSIS & RESEARCH

Target groups:

- Inactive low-skilled women and migrants from local reception centres
- Non-traditional regional actors supporting youth employability

ABOUT THE FUND

The €60 million EEA and Norway Grants Fund for Youth Employment supports transnational project initiatives that promote sustainable and quality youth employment in Europe. The focus on transnational cooperation reflects the view that unemployment among youth is a common European challenge and common European solutions should therefore be explored.

The fund seeks to complement existing EU funding on youth employment initiatives, e.g. the long-term unemployed in the age group 25-29.

The selected projects aim to:

- Make it easier for 25 000 young people to find a job
- Create 3500 jobs in NGOs and social enterprises
- Help 1800 young people start up their own business

The 27 selected projects involve partners from all the 15 beneficiary countries of the EEA and Norway Grants as well as Ireland, Italy and Spain – all countries with high youth unemployment. The projects also include expertise partners from the donor countries Iceland and Norway as well as two international organisations and other EU member states.

www.eeagrants.org/youthemployment

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.

