



**Project title:**  
Active Youth Entrepreneurship Network

Country	Project partner status	Institution	Type of institution	City
 <b>Greece</b>	Lead partner	Hellenic Management Association	Private non-profit	Athens
 <b>Bulgaria</b>	Beneficiary partner	Regional Agency for Entrepreneurship and Innovations Varna	NGO	Varna
 <b>Croatia</b>	Beneficiary partner	Cluster for Eco-Social Innovation and Development	NGO	Split
 <b>Italy</b>	Beneficiary partner	Tecnopolis Science and Technology Park	NGO	Valenzano
 <b>Romania</b>	Beneficiary partner	IPA-Research and Development, Engineering and Manufacturing for Automation Equipment and Systems	Private	Craiova
 <b>Norway</b>	Expertise partner	International Development Norway	Private	Trondheim

#### ABOUT THE PROJECT

**WHY:** Many young people do not want to move to get a job, or they don't have the skills that employers in the cities or abroad require. Therefore, there is a need to create new jobs where young people live.

**WHAT:** The project partners will make a network to work together and share their experiences and views on how young people can create their own jobs. The partners will help young people get in contact with local entrepreneurs and assist them in creating their own business ideas. The youth involved in the projects will get an experienced mentor and will be trained to become entrepreneurs. The project will also have positive effects on the local economy in the participating regions.

**PROJECT DURATION (months):**  
**36**

**GRANT AMOUNT:**  
€ 2.6 MILLION

**AREAS OF SUPPORT:**  
INNOVATION  
AND  
EXPLORATION

**Target groups:**

- Young people not in employment, education or training, aged 25-29
- Entrepreneurial support communities
- Experienced mentors

#### 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](http://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.

