



Project title:

L.I.K.E. – Life Investment is the Key to Employment

Country	Project partner status	Institution	Type of institution	City
Bulgaria	Lead partner	Association "Sustainability of progressive and open communication"	NGO	Sofia
Hungary	Beneficiary partner	JOB Ltd.	Private	Budapest
Ireland	Beneficiary partner	Bodywhys	NGO	Dublin
Italy	Beneficiary partner	Codici Social Cooperative	Social Cooperative	Milan
Latvia	Beneficiary partner	Association PINS	NGO	Riga
Iceland	Expertise partner	Inspiring NGO (Hbetjandi NGO) HRIS	NGO	Garðabær
Norway	Expertise partner	Norwegian National Advisory Unit on Concurrent Substance Abuse and Mental Health Disorders	Public	Brumundal

ABOUT THE PROJECT

WHY: Young people with mental health problems, like depression and anxiety, often fall outside the ordinary education systems and do not get a job. Often, conventional employment initiatives do not work well with this group. There is a need to find new solutions to help young people with mental health problems get jobs.

WHAT: The project partners will do a study on young people with mental health problems and develop new methods to help this group get an education and a job. The project partners will work together with their families, employers and mental health institutions. They will establish youth houses called 'Hidden Likes' in which the youngsters will experience a supportive environment. By overcoming isolation and increase their motivation, they will get a mentor to help them in their training for local jobs.

PROJECT DURATION (months):
54

GRANT AMOUNT:
€ 1.6 MILLION

AREAS OF SUPPORT:
INNOVATION
AND
EXPLORATION

Target groups:

- Long-term unemployed young people aged 25-29 with mental health problems
- Roma and other minority groups
- Relatives and families of young people with mental health problems
- Local employers
- Mental health specialists

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.

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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.

