Project title: Skill Gaps and Effective Second Chances for Disadvantaged NEETs: A ground-breaking profiling tool feeding into an individualized and comprehensive re-training programme

WHY: Young people who drop out of school are at high risk of becoming NEETs (people not in employment, education or training). There is a need to find good solutions for these early school leavers to make sure they get into the labour market.

WHAT: The project partners will develop an innovative and intensive training programme to give early school leavers a second chance to become skilled and get a job. The training programme includes a tool to assess the gap between the basic skills of young people and the demands of the labour market, training to increase such skills as well as social and health support and mentoring. The project partners will do an evaluation of the impact of the programme and compare the results cross-country.

Target groups: • Early school leavers who lack basic skills

PROJECT DURATION (months): 68

GRANT AMOUNT: €5.9 MILLION

AREAS OF SUPPORT: INNOVATION AND EXPLORATION, TRANSFER OF KNOW-HOW

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 26 000 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 Iceland, 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.