

The EYES project is finally coming to its conclusion

What remains of this experience?

EYES (Enlarging Youth Entrepreneurial Spirits) is an international project co-financed by the European Commission under the Erasmus+ Programme; the project is implemented and developed by six organisations from six countries (Belgium, Bulgaria, France, Germany, Spain & Sweden) sharing the ultimate aim to support professionals in vocational training and integration in changing their teaching practices, to promote the development of a collective entrepreneurial culture and democratic values among young people.

After more than 2 years of close collaboration, partners are finally ready to declare the official conclusion of the project. Despite COVID outbreak, the partnership demonstrates great sense of resilience and endurance, bringing the conclusion the foreseen activities without prejudice the quality of deliverables and overall performance.

The project concludes in June 2022, with a formative assessment by all partners of impact and long-term sustainability. Looking back, all participating organisations managed to collect and compile very interesting results that will further sustain the international entrepreneurial VET ecosystem in advancing innovative coaching and mentoring methods for business and entrepreneurial literacy.

All resources are available via the official e-learning platform of the project: <http://eyes-project.eu/>

IO1. Global report of best innovative practices for entrepreneurship

This report contains 42 good practices, case studies and examples on successful application of entrepreneurship education from Bulgaria, Spain, Belgium, Sweden, Germany and France, as well as a comprehensive executive summary that analyses and compares the results from each of the six countries.

The consortium took advantage of these outcomes to identify which skills and competences should be recognized within the EYES training course.

The impact of already existing initiatives has been monitored to promote employability, entrepreneurship and lifelong learning for vulnerable young people.

IO3. EYES training program

This output includes the learning content of the training programme based on the principle of the learning by doing but by alternating the different concrete and engaging requirements and learning methods, with a preference for the active pedagogy that encourages the memorization and motivate to take action. The EYES Training program integrates:

1. **EYES REPOSITORY**, a tool to define the objectives and handle the construction of the training program. The repository has been based on the frameworks and guidelines of the ECF and ECVET and completed from the needs reported on each territory from the results of the Entrecomp report.
2. A **multimodal combination of existing training modalities**: face-to-face/learning by doing, e-training combining the e-library resources (IO1) within a learning scenario, e-learning module to deepen or complete the face-to-face training, serious game based on pedagogy through games and simulation, podcast and a portal to access to these trainings every time.
3. **EYES LOCAL PROJECT** as a result of the pilot phase to test and validate the EYES training paths (online and face-to-face) according to the specific training needs and skills gaps identified during the preparation and benchmarking phase.

IO2. Methodological guide for trainers

This methodological guide is based on cooperative learning as a reliable teaching approach to be integrated into a training course focusing on collective and democratic entrepreneurship. The guide will allow professionals to gather a group of young people around a common project in a secure, formative and appropriate framework.

This output has been designed to meet the following objectives:

- Make professionals familiar with cooperative learning
- Introduce the EYES training program and its main objective
- Create a “skills inventory” in partnership with the private sector
- Guide professionals in the choice of a local project for implementing the EYES training program
- Help professionals choose the rights business tools
- Mentoring aspiring young entrepreneurs

IO4. EYES learning platform

Training platform adapted to the needs of vulnerable young people and trainers in terms of content, support and online exchanges.

The platform has two main functionalities:

For trainers: Apprenticeship

Providing access to the Methodological Guide, the EYES pedagogical content and the management tools of a company, for the implementation of the EYES training program.

For the disadvantaged youth: The local project support.

Providing a space dedicated to the EYES local projects through which the young entrepreneurs will have the opportunity to promote their activities and to obtain a wide web visibility among the actors of the territory to boost their approach. A competition for “the most popular project” will be carried out through an online voting system.