

Youth Policies

Working Group



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AUTHORITIES FOR LIFELONG LEARNING

WG Objectives

General background and the role of Region and Local Authorities

- Among European countries, regional and local authorities play a crucial role in youth policies. Many competences are delocalised, and regions act as primary providers of policies, especially in the framework of setting out the tools for young people to enter the labour market.



Purposes of the Working Group

- The aim of the working group is to establish a constant exchange of best practices between members. As “youth” is a concept as broad as possible, the WG concentrates its activities on the following areas:
 - Youth mobility in VET
 - Apprenticeships
 - Youth entrepreneurship

Current Projects



Erasmus+ KA2 *YESpecialists: Youth Entrepreneurial Spirit Specialists*

-  Led by Vestland County Council, YESpecialist gathers experts from six European regions in Spain, Italy, Croatia, Denmark and Norway, to create a new innovative methodology that will build up local ecosystems, introducing non formal and informal methods into formal education and to promote innovative entrepreneurship concepts. The project will specially focus on rural areas and will be inclusive regarding young people from vulnerable groups. Cooperation between all actors (authorities, business, NGOs, and schools), with an emphasis on VET teachers and youth workers is key to achieve the project results.
-  Building local ecosystems focused on promoting and enabling youth entrepreneurship with a local perspective can help in tackling the challenges of youth unemployment and depopulation in rural areas, with teachers and youth workers as key enablers to promote innovative entrepreneurial models in a lifelong learning context.



entrepreneurship becomes a key element to build an adversity-safe future of Europe and a tool to find alternative ways to deal with labour market challenges.


Thematic Areas for 2022

and policy objectives



Skills at the core of the green and digital transition

the New Skills Agenda,


-  strengthening sustainable competitiveness, as set out in the European Green Deal, ensuring social fairness, putting into practice the first principle of the European Pillar of Social Rights: access to education, training and lifelong learning for everybody, everywhere in the EU, building resilience to react to crises, based on the lessons learnt during the COVID-19 pandemic

Engaged regions and communities through lifelong learning

-  Community engagement in regional development, Multilevel Governance
-  European Youth Year 2022 initiatives
-  ...YESpecialist as a Key Action

Young People at the Heart of the Recovery

the Youth Employment Package,

-  Council Recommendation on a Bridge to Jobs reinforcing the Youth Guarantee: stepping up the outreach to vulnerable young people across the EU, covering people aged 15 - 29, renewed impetus for apprenticeships and traineeships as a tool to support transitions, Future-proofing the EU's vocational education and training policy, Additional measures supporting youth employment

-  relaunched European Alliance for Apprenticeships

Work Plan 2022

- Getting to know the needs and commitments of the regions and Local Authorities: i.e EAfA, Pact for Skills, Quality Apprenticeships and Traineeships and more!

- Working for common goals:
 - Young People at the Heart of the Recovery
 - Policy perspective on Quality Traineeships, Social Protection of trainees, starting a discussion around a renewed Quality Framework for Traineeships (after the 2014 Council QFT Recommendation, as stated in the European Pillar of Social Rights Action Plan (March) for 2022)
 - Participation in 2022 Year of European Youth: a new workshop on traineeships and the search for decent work experience (ILO)
 - Engaging more Regions and Local Authorities in the European Alliance for Apprenticeships



Thank you!

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