Following the completion of the research phase of the project CURSOR– Crafting Career Roadmaps, our e-newsletter aims to keep you informed on developments and project news.

What is the state-of-the-art of youth work in relation to career planning in Cyprus, Poland, Ireland, and Romania?

From the field and desk-based research activities conducted, it is clear that youth work and career planning are developed at different levels in each of the partners’ countries.

Heterogeneity of the youth groups existing in various learning environments (especially in schools or educational institution) determines a quite large variety of difficulties and obstacles that young people face, and thus the trainers/teachers/youth workers have to be well trained to efficiently deal with different situations, types and pathways regarding career planning of young people.

When dealing with career guidance and planning for youth (including for disadvantaged young people) the professionals use specific methods, techniques and resources (the most spread being digital tools, devices or software; personality tests; career advice articles; career interest tests; case studies).

Although not that many youth experts have previously participated in train-the-trainer program(s) in the field of youth guidance and support in career planning, there is consensus regarding the need for further such training. Due to the importance of the field and attractiveness of CURSOR, there is high interest among youth professionals both in becoming part of the national working groups of the project and in attending the CURSOR training course.