

“DARE- Day One Alliance for Employment” – Description in English

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The Funding Mechanism Office (FMO) for EEA and Norway Grants has awarded for funding the project “DARE- Day One Alliance for Employment” submitted by the organisation SEAL CYPRUS. The award is a big success for Cyprus, given that the number of concept notes submitted reached 303. Of those, 49 passed the first round of assessment. Only 27 proposals passed the second round of evaluation and were finally approved for funding.

About the project

“DARE- Day One Alliance for Employment” is expected to contribute towards the specific objective of the Fund “strengthening transnational cooperation to address European challenges in the area of youth employment”.

Target groups

The target groups are:

(A) Young people Not in Employment, Education or Training (NEET) in Cyprus, Greece, Italy and Portugal. The target group includes long-term unemployed, discouraged people who have stopped looking for work, inactive women caring for children or incapacitated adults, ethnic minorities including Roma, asylum-seekers, the low-skilled, people with mental health issues and people with disability.

(B) Employees who wish to endorse the Open Badges system for the validation of non-formal learning.

Partners and roles within the consortium

SEAL CYPRUS is leading a consortium of nine organisations from seven countries. Four partners will implement interventions in favour of unemployed people in four countries:

[SEAL CYPRUS- Cyprus Organisation for Sustainable Education & Active Learning](#) (leading partner), [Craftsmanship & SMEs Association/ Confartigianato Imprese Salerno](#) (Italy), [Stratis Consulting](#) (Greece), [Par Respostas Sociais](#) (Portugal).

Cyprus, Greece, Italy and Portugal face challenges in the areas of career planning, entrepreneurship education, and validation of learning. The experience of other European countries revealed that initiatives that improve the above areas increase the opportunities of employment for the youth.

The proposed interventions entail Job Labs and Entrepreneurship Labs for 1.400 young people not in education, employment, or training. A system of validation with the Open Badges system will be put in action in favour of the participants.

Five partners will transfer know-how in career planning, entrepreneurship education, and validation of non-formal learning from three countries:

[Lithuanian Association of Non-formal Education](#) (Lithuania), [Youth Career and Advising Center](#) (Lithuania), [Lodz Chamber of Industry and Commerce](#) (Poland), [IFTE Initiative for Teaching Entrepreneurship](#) (Austria), [Austrian Federal Economic Chamber](#) (Austria).

The project will start in April 2019 and has a duration of three years. The approved grant is 1.178.000 euros. The grant support is 85%. The partners' contribution will be 15%.

Funding Framework

The project has been awarded under the Call 2017-1 (ACTIVE YOUTH) seeking the submission of proposals for grants for transnational projects under the EEA and Norway Grants Fund for Youth Employment.

The Fund supports projects that promote sustainable and quality youth employment. The total amount available for projects is €60.6 million.

The fund operator, a consortium consisting of Ecorys Polska and JCP, assists the FMO in implementing the Fund.

The Fund operates by calls designed and launched by the Donor States Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein with support from their secretariat the FMO.