Following the official launch of the project WeGROW, our e-newsletter aims to keep you informed on developments and project news.

Objectives

The project aims to promote the development of the Emotional Intelligent of young people with low school performance, early school leavers, and/or NEET through Youth Work. To achieve this aim, the partners will first work on the competence development of youth professionals (youth workers, youth trainers, mentors of ESC volunteers).

The objectives of the project are to:

- Increase the skills of Youth Workers and update their methodologies so as to better support young people with fewer opportunities to improve their Emotional Intelligence including interpersonal and intra-personal skills, adaptability, stress management and general attitude.
- Help young people with low school performance, early school leavers, and/or NEET to develop basic and transversal cognitive, and especially emotional and social skills, using innovative approaches. These skills are becoming increasingly important for education performance and employability.
- Provide youth organisations with a structured coaching programme that enhances self-awareness and self-management of personal emotions.
- Raise the impact of Youth Work by creating an open European e-platform for best practices and the creation of awareness on EQ at the European level through innovative content.
Intellectual Outputs

The partners will develop and pilot three intellectual outputs:

- **IO1- WeGROW methodological guide and toolkit in Emotional Intelligence and Social Skills for Youth Workers:** This is a toolkit that will contain the initial activities that will allow Youth Workers to get to know the young people better and learn about their individual circumstances through different activities, games, personal interviews, etc.

- **IO2- WeGROW: EQ Curriculum:** Detailed programme and training materials for Youth Workers with 5 innovative training modules, plus an Emotional intelligence certification for Youth Workers.

- **IO3- The WeGROW e-learning platform:** It will support new approaches to helping academically disadvantaged youth. The output will offer the wider community access to follow the updates, share best practices, and get all the knowledge developed. This will ensure to continue the collaboration of the project after the project ends.

The kick-off meeting was successfully held online in February 2021.

The project duration is two years (February 2021– January 2023).

**With our project, we wish to address the need of youth professionals for continuous professional development with a focus on competencies to support the development of Emotional Intelligence (EQ) and the social skills of young people with low school performance, early school leavers, and/or NEET.**