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About YES-SI

The YES-SI (Youth Empowerment for Social Inclusion) project aims to empower young people, bringing them together, making them aware of their capacity to change their circumstances and those of their communities and realizing their own changemaker projects. YES-SI intends to raise awareness among young people of their powers and potentialities in order to prompt them to act both for their personal and collective development through social and civic innovation directly supporting their community needs.

Objectives

The project aims to achieve the following objectives:

- Engage young people by involving them in challenging activities that stretch their abilities, imagination and view of the world and the part they can play in it.
- Connect young people in networks they would otherwise not know of, that give them a platform for their own ideas, their own aspirations and allow them to say what sort of world they want to live in.
- Empower them with new skills and knowledge, the experience of creating real change, become owners of the social capital they create, and start to realise the value of their own ideas.

Kick-off meeting in Cork, Ireland

On the 10th and 11th May the Kick-off meeting of the YES-SI project took place in Cork, Ireland. The host organisation, SEi Tuatha, provided great hospitality to all partners including holding the meeting in beautiful Cork City Hall. Partners were also welcomed through a walking tour of the city and evening meals to help the project team get to know each other. SEi Tuatha presented their work and the local



social innovation initiatives they are involved in.

In addition, partners had the opportunity to discuss the first steps of the project's implementation and work on activities together to get to know Social Innovation Education more deeply so all partners understood the core innovation of YES-SI and could kick off the project on the same page



Focus groups with young people and online survey

For the development of the training material and the YES-SI intervention logic, partners in Germany, Greece, Italy and Spain organised focus groups with young people and stakeholders from Youth organisations, together with an online survey addressed to young people.

The insights, views and opinions of young people and stakeholders will help partners to identify the needs and characteristics of both the target groups and the social context. The results of the field research will allow partners then to create tailor-made and adapted tools and methods for assisting young people co-create social change in practice.

Focus group with young people in Greece

Who we are



The VSBI was founded in 2005 to develop and implement innovative ideas for the support of people with disabilities for their independently living and full inclusion in the society and employment. VSBI is providing them services to support the access to personal budget and personal assistance and is running bigger offices in Merseburg (Saxony-Anhalt, seat of the VSBI) and in Erfurt (Thuringia).



SEI Tuatha brings together a collective of individuals and organisations in the innovation, education, social and sustainable enterprise space. Our vision spreads across a network of 40 countries and a 35-year track record of pioneering social enterprise and social awareness at the heart of economic development. The core work of SEi Tuatha is around social enterprise and especially using social enterprise to help communities develop their own economies and become sustainable.



PROBENS was created in 1983 as a non-profit organization located in Catalonia and Balearic Islands, in Spain. With over 39 years of experience in developing and implementing specialized programmes and services for people suffering from social and economical exclusion. PROBENS specializes in the areas of training and education; employment; legal advisory and inmigration integration.



STIMMULI is a non-profit organisation working on projects focused on social impact envisioning to inspire future education and ignite positive change in society. To achieve our mission, we design and deliver educational and empowerment projects that cultivate changemaking attitudes, inject entrepreneurial thinking and nudge behavioural shifts for more sustainable lifestyles.



CESIE contributes to the active participation of people, civil societies and institutions through the implementation of projects on various thematic areas, towards the promotion of. As a European centre of Studies and Initiatives, the organisation is dedicated to the promotion of research and development so as to increase and improve future-oriented innovation processes in educational, social, economic and cultural spheres believing in the cross-cutting of organisations cooperating within heterogeneous fields and sectors.



Innovation Hive is a private non-profit organization located in Greece, specialized in the fields of research and innovation. Our actions aim to enhance the economic and social cohesion of European societies while our goal is to find solutions to the new innovation challenges, achieve growth, sustainability and maximize the impact to the society. The organization's philosophy in order to achieve these goals is based on co-creation methodologies and a quadruple helix approach.

Where to find us



<u>Project website</u>







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