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Face to Face in Vigo

The final meeting of the Social Innovation for Europe project was held in March in Vigo, Spain. It was a great way to close the project with only a few final resources to be completed and some other project loose ends to be tied up.

Welcome

Vigo is a vibrant city in Galicia in north west Spain with a diverse community, so all of the participants were made to feel welcome from the outset, enjoying the hospitality and atmosphere.

El Camino

The road to this point in the Social Innovation for Europe Erasmus+ project has had its challenges, however all of the partners share the common desire to provide meaningful materials to young people in their own region. Partners brought representatives and experts and from the consortium partner countries; Italy, Romania, Turkey, UK, Slovakia and of course Spain as our host to further share the aims of the IO2 materials and ensure they were suitable for continued use even after the project ends this year.

Intercultural Outputs

The aim of Intellectual Output 2 is essentially to develop and share a storytelling training kit about entrepreneurship for young people. During this, the final transnational meeting, we discussed some of the finer points about the materials and their final formatting and presentation etc. The resource will consist of a video based training tool and accompanying text based trainer resources supporting youth leaders to deliver the selected modules in a live youth setting. We intend that these youth focussed support tools will demonstrate that social entrepreneurship is possible even in the context of COVID-19 crisis and give young people the skills and confidence to succeed in an ever challenging labour landscape.

Partners also shared inspirational stories about the social impact of meeting young entrepreneurs when making the project materials, and how they often show great resilience in the face of adversity and challenge.

Results and Activities

So far we have over 70 'success story and modular training videos' for IO1 across the partnership. All partners grilled young entrepreneurs and structured their interviews around our core chosen themes - they are available on the project website and YouTube. We also have text based support resources to support the IO1 videos, and the range of approaches used reflects the diverse nature of the young people we involved.

We ran a 5 day LTTA training activity in Bucharest with around 30 young people to test our key concepts about being a young, innovative and socially responsible entrepreneur.

We have 7 video and structured training resources supporting trainers working with young people in the field of entrepreneurship. These comprise of tools based on key enterprising themes and common challenges for aspiring young entrepreneurs and will be available in easy to read, online formats.

We have a dedicated Youtube channel to host all of the materials and ensure they are sustainable for future use.



We also have a web-based platform to host the SIE materials and ensure they are free to use and download from anywhere and at anytime!



Next Steps

Partners are now planning some local stakeholder events to further test the SIE project materials. The lead partners will run a Multiplier event in Istanbul for interested and national organisations. The finishing touches are being put to the hosting platform, educational resources and the SIE YouTube channel.

We invite any interested young people, youth or other organisations to use the resources in any way they like. We are happy to support organisations to suit and adapt the resources even after the project formally ends in Spring 2023.

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