



## **Training Course**

# **THE E-FACTOR: STRENGTHENING EMPLOYABILITY AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP THROUGH EMPOWERMENT AND PASSION**

Dates 08–16 October 2013

Veneto Region – Italy

### **Information for the Promoters**

#### **THEME AND OBJECTIVES**

Youth unemployment is one of the most relevant challenges in contemporary Europe. The last decades could be characterized by a strong technological change, increasing inter-dependencies among countries all over the world and an ever-changing labour-market with strong demands. Youth transition into an adult autonomous working life has been becoming a longer and a more complex issue. Youth employability is directly related to life independence, which plays a central role in other structural social policies, like family policies, for example. All the new documents – Europe 2020 and its flagship – stress on the employability as a key factor for development.

Can Non-Formal Education support unemployed youngsters? How can a youth worker tackle the rising unemployment challenge? In this TC we will try find answers to these and related questions with an international group of youth workers by:

- to explore the topic of employability and youth entrepreneurship;
- to discuss and reflect how NFE and youth workers can develop new strategies for youth employability;
- to understand the concept of passion and its links with learning processes, motivation and commitment to objectives;
- to get to know several methods for empowerment and to understand how they can be used to support youngsters in discovering their passions and linking them to their strengths and professional objectives;
- to get to know how youth workers can use the European funds to support youth employability;
- to learn new activities and methodologies that can be used with the youngsters;
- to facilitate the exchange of good practices.

The training includes 27 participants and 14 promoters from 9 countries that will get together from the 8<sup>th</sup> to the 16<sup>th</sup> October 2013 (including travel days).

Be careful: the dates have been changed! The Venue has still to be decided, it will be in Veneto Region but not necessarily in Venice Mestre since we are trying to find a better place! The airport to buy the tickets to is still Venezia Marco Polo or Treviso.

**TARGET**

People that works with youngsters in the educational field (educators, social workers, psychologists, teachers, volunteers in youth centres, project coordinators in youth or community centres) and that for several reasons are interested and touched by the employment issue (area with high unemployment rate, dealing with project for unemployed or for entrepreneurship and self initiative, working with unemployed youngsters, working with youngsters from disadvantaged groups etc.)

# Programme Draft

8.00-9.00		breakfast	breakfast	breakfast	breakfast	breakfast	breakfast	breakfast	breakfast
9.30-11.00		Wellcome space	Learning to Learn	Empowerment: values and tools to help young people to discover their passions and link them to their strenths/qualiti es	E-Factor, employability and entrepreneurship: going deeper	Group work3: Working on a new activity	Sharing the team work and the reflection part	Future plans	
11.00-11.30		break	break	break	break	break	break	break	
11.30-13.00		Deepening the getting to know!	The impact of NFE on youth employability: making experiences, learning process, competences	Empowerment: values and tools to help young people to discover their passions and link them to their strenths/qualiti es	Group work 2: Working on a new activity	Group work 4: Working on a new activity	How I as youth workers can support new strategies for empoyability?	Future plans	
					Midterm evaluation				
13.00-14.00		lunch	lunch	lunch	lunch	lunch	lunch	lunch	
15.00-16.30	a r r i v a l	building the group	Discovering passions	Designing Activities + Feedback	Free Time	What did I learn from the designing and sharing activities?	EU FUND	Final	
16.30-17.00		break	break	break	break	break		Evaluation	
17.00-18.30		What is the E-Factor?	What links between passions and learning?	Group work 1: Working on a new activity	Free Time	Sharing the team work and the reflection part	EU FUND	Closing...	
18.30-19.00		reflection time	reflection group	reflection time		refelction time	refelction group		
19.15-20.15	dinner	dinner	dinner	dinner	dinner	dinner	dinner	dinner	
21.00-22.30	First meeting	Passion night				World café with the local community		Bye Bye party	

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