



Social SME Academy – Press release

Sometimes life puts you on a challenging path. Nowadays, especially for young people, it is not so easy to find self-realisation.

According to Eurostat data, in 2017 more than 3 million young persons were unemployed in Europe. In order to face this phenomenon, self-employment could be a driver for economic growth and job creation. Similarly, the activities that fall under the social economy and social entrepreneurship can also generate new employment, but despite the positive impact that social organisations have on their communities, they still face significant barriers to their development.

The "Social SME Academy" project, co-funded by the European Commission under the Erasmus+ Programme, acts as a springboard for young aspiring entrepreneurs from different European countries that lack the confidence, funds or know-how to start up their entrepreneurial ideas, particularly in the area of social economy.

The project is coordinated by a very experienced business incubator in the UK, Bridging to the Future, and involves five partners from different European countries: European Business And Innovation Center Of Murcia (Spain), Społeczna Akademia Nauk (Poland), Consulting And Training Network (Portugal), and JO Consulting (Italy).

Its main aim is to help young aspiring entrepreneurs from partners' countries that lack the confidence, funds or know-how to start up their entrepreneurial ideas, particularly in the area of social economy. Because of its innovative training formula, Social SME Academy helps young aspiring entrepreneurs to achieve successfully the way of self-employment. In fact, the Start-Up Accelerator & Business Incubator Coaching Programme is based on the expertise and experience of people who have already made the journey to economic independence.

Its flexible and customised methodology is perfectly suitable for people who are unemployed, part-time and even full-time workers.

As a plus, a Self-Assessment Test, the Youth Social Entrepreneurship manual, set of video tutorials and other useful online resources will be produced by the consortium and made available in the website, to support young people in their learning path, according to their needs, providing the best solutions to become a winning manager and a social entrepreneur.

In addition, Social SME Academy also wants people to meet each other. To encourage all this, in 2019 the programme will organise six 5-day training events in Italy, Poland, Portugal, Spain and the United Kingdom, giving a valuable support to early and want-to-be social entrepreneurs.

Are you ready for this amazing opportunity? Visit the website <http://www.socialsmeacademy.eu>