

# YEAP! NEWSLETTER



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## Our YEAP! project

The economic crisis and its impact on the labour market have put a large number of young Europeans at risk of social exclusion. Since 2011, two-thirds of EU countries recorded an increase in long-term youth unemployment for those aged 25-29. The largest increases were registered in Greece (+86.8%) and Cyprus (+313.6%).

Encouraging entrepreneurship is particularly important as part of the approach needed to tackle these alarmingly high youth unemployment rates in most of the EU Member States. For many years, the development of the entrepreneurial capacity of European citizens and organisations has been one of the key EU policy goals.

This situation has called for and brought together project partners from across Europe to design, develop and implement "Youth Entrepreneurship Advanced Pathway" (YEAP!).

The YEAP! project aspires not only to contribute to shaping the mind-sets of young people but also to provide knowledge, skills and competences that are crucial to the development of an entrepreneurial culture. It aspires to do so through an innovative, individualised learning pathway.

How does the YEAP! project achieve its goals?

By implementing innovative activities that foster the development and assessment of entrepreneurial skills promoted by using them every day.



By developing new approaches to strengthen education and training pathways for prospective young entrepreneurs

By promoting the engagement of youth workers.

## YEAP! consortium ...

seeks to develop new approaches to strengthen the education and training paths of prospective young entrepreneurs, while the engagement and work of youth workers will be promoted. It is based on a multidisciplinary,

multinational network of organizations widely varied in their type, activities and expertise in order to create synergies and reflect the perspectives of different actors, types of education and business models. The

goal is to develop a new innovative solution to raising the skills quality & young people capacity to effectively enhance their entrepreneurial potential.

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### State of the art:

At the beginning of the project the partners have carried out a short state of the art review in each partner country regarding entrepreneurship programmes designed for youth. A joint report has been developed that integrates the main points of all national good practices in youth entrepreneurship support programmes. This report forms the starting point for the development of the project intellectual outputs and will soon be available at the project website <https://yeap-project.eu>

## Objectives



The overall objective of the YEAP! project is to instil a spirit of (social) entrepreneurship among young people – through initiative-taking, building confidence calculated risk-taking and creativity. By placing the needs of young people at its centre, the project is developing a set of activities and a variety of methodological approaches to support their integration into the labour market either as self-employed people or as entrepreneurs.

The specific objectives are to:

\*create an effective cus-

tomised learning approach: the **YEAP! Flexible Learning Pathway**, which will strengthen young people's entrepreneurial skills and motivation

\*develop **Guidelines for trainers/youth workers** on how to involve young people in this learning pathway with a focus on developing entrepreneurial mind-sets

\*compile a customized **Youth Workers' Toolbox** to address their needs including practices that enable the use of their multiple talents to become entrepreneurs

\*produce a **Business Idea Assessment Guide** for aspiring young entrepreneurs to choose the right type of entrepreneurial activity for them

\*devise open and innovative **e-tools** to put entrepreneurial ideas into practice, by formulating a sustainable business start-up venture and/or for building high growth businesses that deliver social and environmental returns

## Intellectual Output 3: Youth Worker's Toolbox Completed

In the past few months, the IO3 Youth Worker's Toolbox, led and edited by Rinova, has been compiled, finalised and completed. The toolbox is in the form of a publication containing, links, descriptions and practical guidance on 52 different tools for youth workers to use. Rinova would like to say a huge thank you to all the project partners who contributed to this extensive resource. The tools are split into the five stages of the YEAP! IO1 Learning Pathway, and then matched against the specific areas within those, enabling practitioners who are using the toolkit to effectively and efficiently find the exact tools which they need for their work.

The overall purpose of the toolbox is to provide

aspiring young entrepreneurs with the skills needed to overcome the challenges they will likely face along their journey.

The learning tools included in the Toolbox are highly varied in terms of how they work, ranging from in-depth guides and materials for trainers on delivering presentations on specific subject areas, to practically applicable templates intended that participants use in practice workshops and continue using along their path to becoming an entrepreneur. The tools share in common that they are highly focused on using real life examples and situations which an aspiring young entrepreneur might encounter.

The next steps for the Toolbox will be to pilot it

with youth workers and aspiring entrepreneurs, so that practical feedback can be collected, and then later implemented as changes if necessary.

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## Intellectual Outputs 1 & 2: Completed

Also now completed, are Intellectual Outputs 1 and 2, the Flexible Learning Pathway and Youth Workers' Methodological Guide, respectively. Both outputs are now in their piloting stages, similarly to Intellectual Output 3, and will be tried and tested over the next few months to ensure that they are fundamentally

effective in terms of what they were designed for.

The final version of IO2, the Youth Workers' Methodological Guide, was presented to the attendees of the recent steering group meeting in Uppsala, Sweden. In this meeting, the guide was deemed ready for translation, and this was planned and discussed as a next step.



## Steering group meeting in Uppsala, Sweden

On the 11 and 12 July, the 3rd steering group meeting of the YEAP! Project was held in Uppsala, Sweden, hosted by Folkuniversitetet at their premises. On the first day of the meeting partners presented their outputs to the rest of the partners, receiving feedback and discussing next steps in relation to these.

The second day of the meeting was more focused on discussing and planning in detail the next steps of the

project. Several key project dates were agreed on, including for the next meeting.

The first day of the meeting was attended by the Swedish National Agency, who provided good feedback on the current progress of the project, praising the project generally and only highlighting a few minor things to keep an eye on going forward.



## Intellectual Outputs 4 & 5: Next Steps

The next two Intellectual Outputs to focus on were also addressed at the meeting in Uppsala. These will be outputs 4 and 5, which are the: 'Business Idea Assessment Guide' and 'Youth & Social Entrepreneurship e-tools for Business Start-up Database'. The progress of Intellectual Output 4, the Business Idea Assessment Guide, was presented to the

meeting by the IO lead MMC. As part of this, some of the already developed resources for this output were demonstrated and feedback on these was given by the participants of the meeting, which was all generally positive. Furthermore, the attendees decided on the exact planned specifications for the video testimonies that

are to be created later in the year for this IO.

For IO5, the Youth & Social Entrepreneurship e-tools for Business Start-up Database, DIMITRA presented the E-Tools that have been created for the output to the meeting, and set a deadline for feedback for the end of July.



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## Piloting the Outputs and Planning the Next Meeting



A key part of the Uppsala steering group meeting was a detailed planning session for the upcoming pilot activities for all of the current Intellectual Outputs. This part of the meeting was led by the hosts, Folkuniversitetet, beginning with an in-depth presentation to the rest of the meeting participants. The presentation included information and clarification on the planned numbers of pilot participants, which activities are to run in parallel and which are

to run later on and a walkthrough of the different stages of pilot testing.

In addition to this, several things were brought up as discussion points to be addressed by the meeting participants, including: The participant application process, selection criteria, and the testing scenario itself as well as the assessment process.

In addition to this, it was also discussed and decided that the YEAP! Assessment template created by DIMITRA will be used, and partners will each be contributing on

different sections of this.

Another key thing that came from this meeting were several new dates for partners to add to their calendars, including the dates and location of the next steering group meeting, which it was decided will be held in London on 30 and 31 January 2020.