

CLOSER

RETHINKING SOCIAL INCLUSION

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Strategic partnership for social inclusion



Introduction to the project

France, Georgia, Italy, Slovakia and Spain are the countries involved in the ERASMUS+ project CLOSER – Rethinking Social Inclusion.

The project aims to strengthen capacities of youth workers and raise awareness about social inclusion in young people, through training activities, a collection of best practices and an online campaign.

It will involve young people, organisations and communities in international and local activities which will strengthen understanding of social inclusion and build more inclusive and solidary societies.

The project will also help to develop skills and competencies of staff working with disadvantaged young people.

The project will:

- strengthen solidarity with people of different origin, belief, age, those disadvantaged (socially, economically) and disabled;
- empower young leaders and youth workers in the area of social inclusion and work with disadvantaged groups,
- collect materials and documents on social inclusion,
- explore examples of good practice in social inclusion,
- improve skills and competencies in campaigning, social marketing, implementation of social inclusion strategies, etc.;
- implement the Week of Social Inclusion in all partner countries,
- strengthen cooperation of the partner organisations.

Main outcomes of the project:

Survey of skills and competences of workers in social inclusion and their training needs

Training course for youth workers in social inclusion

Compendium of best practices in social inclusion

Campaign toolbox

Week of Social Inclusion in all partner countries.



Drafting inclusion strategies in organisations, social marketing, campaigns, advocacy, conflict management, negotiation....

.... these are the skills which the CLOSER partnership identified as missing across all the partner countries. The partnership organised an **ONLINE SURVEY** in Spain, Slovakia, Italy, France and Georgia which mapped skills and competences of youth workers in organisations that are involved in social inclusion activities.

The results showed specific needs in each country, but also areas which were common for all countries and thus, created a base for an international training planned in the next phase of the project in Marseilles in October 2016.

The survey showed that people involved in social inclusion have usually good knowledge of the area in which they work, they also declared good understanding of multicultural and diversity aspects, team work and communication skills.

An interesting result showed the question on the work status of respondents – in Italy, Georgia and Slovakia, people usually work on a voluntary basis as volunteers or freelancers, in Spain and France, the workers in this area are more professionalised.

The survey was responded by 200 participants and 48 organisations from 5 countries, the full results are available on the project web-site.

CLOSER Training Course

**A SPACE FOR A DIALOGUE,
IMPROVING STRATEGIES,
SHARING AND DEVELOPING SOCIAL INCLUSION PRACTICES**

- DAY 1: Social inclusion strategies and policies**
- DAY 2: Marketing, campaigning and advocacy skills**
- DAY 3: Conflict management and negotiation skills**

**3 – 7 October 2016
Marseilles, France**

The partnership has organised two meetings – in Barcelona, Spain (November 2015), and in Tbilisi, Georgia (June 2016)



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