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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the second edition of the **SMELT project** Newsletter!

In this edition you will find a brief description of the project followed by a short recap of all the activities implemented by the partners regarding the first Intellectual Output (IO1) -a project activity that results in tangible and meaningful outcomes such as publications and course materials- "**Workshops on social and entrepreneurial skills**", followed by the Easy Handbook.

The **Easy Handbook** is the result of the IO1 and it consists of a manual, aimed at professionals and vulnerable groups, that describes how to bring marginalized groups closer to the labour market.

Last, but not least, in this issue you will find a debrief on the third Transnational meeting of the project (the first one face-to-face!).

SMELT at a glance

The **SMELT project: Skilling Marginalized people to Enter Labour MarkeT**, is aiming to face the paradox of business sectors experiencing workforce shortage and the high number of vulnerable people unemployed, by supporting marginalized people in acquiring and developing key competences strategical for the labour market.

The objective of the project is to crate a tailor-made training model in order to **facilitate vulnerable people's access into the labour market** and, more in general, into the social tissue. How? By providing them both with technical and specific skills, along with soft and digital ones.

ACTIVITIES

In order to to this, the project foresee the realisation of 3 IOs:

1. **Workshops on social and entrepreneurial skills**

The objective of this IO is to prepare **150 vulnerable people to face the labour market** with a basic knowledge of their rights and possibilities.

2. **VET for all – Training new welder workers**

The "VET for all – training new welder workers" is a training course conceived for vulnerable people living in partners' communities and aimed at increasing job opportunities and specific skills.

3. **ITEM to Improve The life of Marginalized people**

Thanks to the competences acquired in the previous trainings, participant will create an innovative output ITEM - Improve The life of pEople Marginalized- that will aim at improving somehow the life of people who are in a difficult situation as they are homeless or live in precarious conditions.

The partners of the project concluded IO1 "Workshops on social and entrepreneurial skills" and are currently implementing IO2 "VET for all".

Are you curious about the outcome of the first part of the project? Continue scrolling!

IO1 - "Workshop on social and entrepreneurial skills"

As mentioned above, the partners concluded the first Intellectual Output "**Workshop on social and entrepreneurial skills**".

The objective of this output was to prepare vulnerable people to face the labour market with a basic knowledge of their rights and possibilities and, to increase their knowledge with regards to job offers, CVs, Job centers, organisations offering employment assistance, etc.

The activities have been carried on in Italy, Spain, Cyprus, Serbia, North Macedonia, and Bulgaria.

Below you will find some examples on how each partner conducted the workshops:



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Target Group(s):

Unemployed people (80% long-term unemployed) 8 people reached. The average age was about 50, there was just one woman.

Training Objectives:

- how to write cvs and presentation letters, even when a person did several irregular jobs in the past
- how to create and maintain a digital presence
- how to perpetrate a job research
- how to develop self-awareness regarding skills and professional interests



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Target Groups(s):

- Migrants
- Asylum seekers
- Recognized refugees
- 3rd country nationals

Training Objectives:

Synthesis was focused on developing a combination of knowledge, values and skills which will mobilise youth and adults to fully engage in civic, political and economic life.

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Target Group(s):

- Youth, NEET, unemployed, migrants.
- 15 people for each group participating.

Training Objectives:

- to prepare vulnerable people to face the labour market with a basic knowledge of their rights and possibilities etc.

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Target Group(s):

High-school students from VET schools

Training Objectives:

The objectives of the training were to familiarize the students on the process of finding and keeping a job. Each topic in the training served the aim to enhance the knowledge, skills, and competencies of the students regarding the labour market, not only in Bulgarian context but also in the European one. The participants deepened their understanding for the requirements they need to cover in order to get a job and the rights they have as an employee.



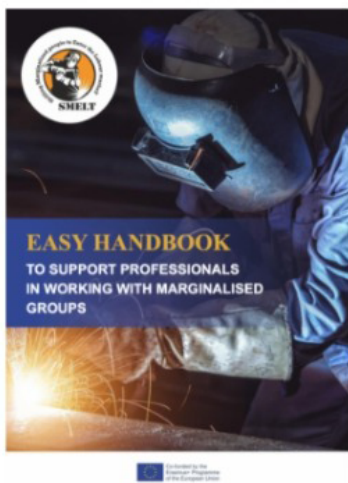
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NEWS AND EVENTS

Easy Handbook

The first Intellectual Output (IO1) led to the creation of an "Easy Handbook" a manual describing how to bring marginalized groups closer to the labor market.

The handbook is divided in two parts, one addressing operators/staff working in NGOs or other entities and entitled of delivering the training to facilitate access to labor to vulnerable groups. The other part is directly targeting vulnerable groups.



You can discover and download the Easy Handbook in your chosen language ([English](#), [Italian](#), [Spanish](#), [Greek](#), [Serbian](#) and [Bulgarian](#)) by clicking [here](#)!

3rd Transnational meeting

31st May - 1st June 2022, Nicosia (Cyprus)

The third Transnational Meeting (TM3) of the SMELT project took place in Nicosia, Cyprus. The partners of the project gathered together for the first time and exchanged ideas, thoughts and feedback on the activities implemented so far. In addition, they engaged in constructive discussions regarding the future directions of the project.



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