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YOUTH COMMUNITY LEADERS
IN RURAL AREAS OF
SOUTHWESTERN EUROPE

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About... YOULEADERS

The YouLeaders project aims to empower and promote the key role of young people as leaders and agents for sustainable development within their communities.

General objective

The main purpose of YouLeaders is to promote local community development through the role played by youth coming from rural and geographically isolated areas as key agents of sustainable development and social innovation. The potential of the young women and men involved will be released by guiding them through an innovative and digital learning path (the innovative YouLeaders capacity building course), the creation of workshops based on the topic of youth leadership and finally assigning them mentoring sessions aimed at strengthening their knowledge and skills on social entrepreneurship.

Youth Community leaders in southwestern Europe

In n. 3 south-western European countries (Italy, Spain and Portugal), n. 90 young women and men aged between 14 and 19 will be involved in a hybrid Capacity building learning path (both online and with face-to-face) that will allow them to acquire key competences for their personal, educational and socio-professional development.

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Main Activities

The Capacity-building course...

Through a committed working group composed by a consortium of n. 6 organisations and institutions from Italy, Spain and Portugal and a selected team of tutors specialized in the education and vocational training sector, n. 30 young people per country will be selected to participate in an innovative capacity building course whose final goal is to promote the most innovative ideas in terms of social impact in order to foster youth sense of initiative and social entrepreneurship.

Mentoring sessions with experts...

Individual mentoring session will be assigned to n. 5 young people per country with the aim of rewarding the knowledge and skills acquired by them during the YouLeaders course.

...and travel to Brussels!

Peer learning event in Brussels (Hackathon Day) addressed both to the facilitators/trainers and the young people who took part in the YouLeaders experience, whose ideas and proposals on social entrepreneurship are awarded for the highest social impact.

Results & Impact

The expected results of the project include an:

- Increased socio-professional development of 90 young leaders coming from rural areas in Southwestern Europe with knowledge, skills, and understanding on leadership to be applied in their daily work;
- Increased awareness and engagement of young people on their role of leaders and agent for sustainable development within their communities;
- Strengthened transnational synergies and peer learning on a European level in areas related to Leadership, Key Competences Development and Social Innovation.

On a societal level, this project will contribute to:

- Promoting a local culture that recognizes young people as social actors and active citizens;
- Building an explicit youth leadership element into community development;
- Extend the use of social innovation initiatives, both as a means to support youth entrepreneurship and self-employment and increase the impact of social entrepreneurship in rural areas.