

# Strengthening the competences of young people through active citizenship to increase employability

POLICY DEVELOPMENT

PRACTICAL MEASURE/INITIATIVE

 SLOVENIA

## Timeline

2019 Design 2020 Implementation 2021 Completed

ID number 35555

## Background

To address the issue of unemployment among the young.

## Objectives

The call for proposals Strengthening the competences of young people through active citizenship to increase employability was published in October 2019. Its objective was strengthening the competences of young people through training, contributing to increasing the proportion of young people employed after leaving the operation and to the reduction of youth unemployment.

## Description

The purpose of the call is permanent inclusion of young people in the labour market through innovative projects that enhance their general and specific competences for greater employability as well as active citizenship. It encourages innovative forms of youth work in tackling youth unemployment. The target group are unemployed young people 15 to 29 years of age.

Projects implementing activities were supported in one of the following:

- (a) work with young people within organisations in the youth sector;
- (b) promoting youth participation;
- (c) promoting and increasing recognition of non-formally acquired knowledge and experience.

### 2019 Design

Design continues.

### 2020 Implementation

10 projects were selected with a joint funding of EUR 2 008 739. The projects are implemented from 1 February 2020 to 15 September 2021. It is planned that at least 564 young people, aged 15 to 29, would be included.

The projects cover empowering young people in support of their employability and employment by developing personal skills and competences: leadership, active citizenship, entrepreneurship, towards employment; involving young people in communication with employers and stakeholders; establishing closer contact with the labour market actors; developing and organising training, including practical, to work in youth programmes; supporting young people's career literacy. Some projects target vulnerable or marginalised social groups, in particular Roma, immigrants and refugees with experience, people with a low level of formal education, young people facing social or economic hardship, and the long-term and temporarily unemployed.

### **2021 Completed**

In 2021, 270 young people participated in training of at least 90 hours. After completing the training, 248 participants found employment. The participants were between 15 and 29 years of age and unemployed.

A total of 649 young people took part in the training during the project duration 2019-21. 298 participants found employment after completing the training.

Training included practical workshops and education, individual mentoring, meeting entrepreneurs and employers. Competences for active citizenship and competences for increased employability were fostered through career planning, creative literacy, rhetoric and public appearances, communication and etiquette, problem solving, critical and analytical thinking, argumentation, and entrepreneurship skills.

## **Bodies responsible**

- Ministry of Education, Science and Sport (MIZŠ) (until 2023)

## **Target group**

### **Learners**

Young people (15-29 years old)

Young people not in employment, education or training (NEETs)

Learners with migrant background, including refugees

Learners from other groups at risk of exclusion (minorities, people with fewer opportunities due to geographical location or social-economic disadvantaged position)

## **Thematic categories**

### **Modernising VET offer and delivery**

Acquiring key competences

### **Transparency and portability of VET skills and qualifications**

Learners' possibilities of accumulation, validation and recognition of learning outcomes acquired non-formally and informally

### **Supporting lifelong learning culture and increasing participation**

Ensuring equal opportunities and inclusiveness in education and training

## **Subsystem**

## Further reading

[Call for proposals](#)

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