

# Youth entrepreneurship development programme for NEETs

POLICY DEVELOPMENT

PRACTICAL MEASURE/INITIATIVE

 CYPRUS

## Timeline

2018 Implementation 2019 Completed

ID number 28086

## Background

This programme was implemented within the framework of the National action plan for youth employment.

## Description

The mission of this programme was to support young people who are not in employment, education or training (NEETs) aged 15 to 29 and wanted to undertake entrepreneurship initiatives. The programme promoted the development of business culture among young people in Cyprus. Through this supporting mechanism, young people with limited knowledge and networks were given the opportunity to discover their business potential, develop viable businesses and create decent working conditions for themselves and for their peers. The Youth entrepreneurship development programme:

- provided training and developed business skills, e.g. business plan creation, project management, sales and communication techniques, business start-ups, etc.;
- provided guidance by developing a network of mentors and advisors;
- provided support and information through a dedicated online platform.

The programme was implemented in cycles across Cyprus. Each round of seminars lasted for 28 hours and, after completion, each participant received personalised counselling from experienced business mentors for six months.

### 2018 Implementation

### 2019 Completed

The programme, which was jointly funded by the European Social Fund (ESF), ran for 30 months and is now completed.

## Bodies responsible

- Youth Board of Cyprus

## Target group

### Learners

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

## Thematic categories

### Modernising VET offer and delivery

Acquiring key competences

### Supporting lifelong learning culture and increasing participation

Providing for individuals' re- and upskilling needs

Ensuring equal opportunities and inclusiveness in education and training

## Subsystem

CVET

## Further reading

[Cyprus: activating the young through innovative programmes](#)

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