

Empowering Social Entrepreneurs: A Comprehensive Training Program

In today's rapidly evolving world, social entrepreneurs play a crucial role in driving positive change and addressing societal challenges. Recognizing the importance of equipping professionals with the necessary skills and knowledge, an innovative online pilot course was developed during the implementation of IKSE project. This article provides an overview of the program, highlighting its unique features and the impact it had on participants.

Online Pilot Course: Acquiring and Managing Essential Skills

The online pilot course aimed to provide social entrepreneurs with a robust foundation of skills and competencies required to excel in their field. This course was delivered through an e-platform embedded into the project's website, utilizing innovative pedagogical approaches and tools specifically developed for professional social entrepreneurs in a virtual environment.

The initial phase of the course was opened to selected professionals and trainers who actively participated and provided valuable feedback and suggestions during the project's evaluation phase. This iterative process ensured that the program was improved and refined to meet the needs and expectations of its participants.



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On-site 5-Day Mobility in ARIS Terni (C2)

One of the key highlights of the training program was a 5-day on-site mobility in ARIS Terni, aimed at enhancing learning outcomes and enriching activities with real-life case visits and studies. The detailed program for this mobility was as follows:

Day 1: The training began with an introduction and orientation session, familiarizing participants with the program's objectives and structure. Social entrepreneurship experts delivered presentations, sharing their knowledge and insights. A workshop on best practices and experience sharing followed, fostering an interactive and collaborative environment.

Day 2: Participants embarked on a visit to a local social enterprise, observing the practical application of social entrepreneurship principles. Reflection sessions and group discussions encouraged critical thinking and analysis. An individual session for project work was conducted, empowering participants to apply their newfound knowledge.

Day 3: The focus shifted to workshops dedicated to specific social entrepreneurship topics such as sustainable business models, social impact measurement, and innovation in the sector. Interactive discussions, case studies, and practical exercises deepened participants' expertise. Group presentations and feedback sessions enabled refinement of ideas and projects.

Day 4: Participants went on a field visit to another social enterprise, expanding their knowledge and perspectives. A workshop on business development strategies equipped participants with practical tools to enhance sustainability and growth. Group activities and discussions further fostered collaboration and knowledge sharing.

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LEAD PARTNER: European Association for Innovation and Growth (Bulgaria)

PARTNERS:

Aris — professional training and research center (Italy)

Universitat Jaume I de Castellón (Spain)

Ankara Directorate of National Education (Turkey)

National Agency for Microcredit (Italy)

Bulgarian-German VET Center — (Bulgaria)

ASSOCIATED PARTNER:

Ministry of Labour and Social Policy (Bulgaria)

Day 5: The final day centered on the finalization of project work. Participants presented their outcomes, showcasing their progress and achievements. An evaluation and feedback session allowed for reflection and input on the training program. The program concluded with closing remarks and the distribution of certificates.

Impact and Conclusion

The comprehensive five-day training program had a profound impact on the participants. They gained valuable insights, practical skills, and a supportive network, empowering them to contribute effectively to the advancement of social entrepreneurship. The combination of online learning and on-site experiences provided a holistic and immersive educational journey, enabling professionals to acquire and manage the essential skills needed for success.

As the program continues to evolve and improve, it promises to cultivate a new generation of social entrepreneurs who are equipped to create sustainable and impactful initiatives. By empowering individuals to tackle societal challenges and drive positive change, this training program contributes to the overall development of inclusive and sustainable communities.

