

Mentoring Across Borders - MAB Project

Kick-Off Partners' Meeting

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With the kickoff meeting held in Brussels on January 25, the intergenerational, cross-border Mentoring Across Borders project (MAB), financed by the European Community Erasmus+ program, was officially launched.

MAB Project aims to develop mentoring hubs in Eastern European countries, which will organize and train accomplished professional adults aged 50+ as mentors, to volunteer their time to help young people, aged 18-30, including those at risk of marginalization, to develop their professional skills and enter the labor markets of the European Union.

The MAB Project builds on the successful results of the Erasmus+ EvolYou program, reinforcing its best practices and transferring its innovation to a pan-European level. EvolYou, in 22 months, mobilized 90 older people as mentors, from 6 countries, who helped 194 disadvantaged young people to access labor markets with the help and experience of their mentors.

13 partner organizations are involved from Belgium, Germany, Italy, Poland, Hungary, Bulgaria, Albania, Cyprus, Bulgaria, and Greece to set up the mentoring hubs. The MAB Project is coordinated by CESES, a European umbrella organization of organizations that coordinate the activities of older experts in their countries.

The project partners are Senior Experten Services, VOLONTARIATO TORINO, AGE Platform Europe, CEV, Seniores Italia Lazio, Cyprus Third Age Observatory, Druzhestvo Znanie, Onkentes Kozpont Alapitvany, Auleda Local Economic Development Agency Vlore, Stowarzyszenie Centrum Wolontariatu, Volontari Senior Professionali ODV, and 50plus Hellas.

The project will last two years and will include dissemination, quality control, and risk management activities, and will very soon implement an online platform to help match mentors and mentees. The platform will be open to people over 50 years of age who wish to offer their knowledge and experience, as well as young people who need mentoring in their area of interest. In order to disseminate the project among stakeholders, workshops and public awareness campaigns will be organized.

By bringing together Western, Eastern, and Southern European organizations, the project provides an excellent opportunity for the participating organizations to exchange experiences and best practices with their peers.

More details will be made public as the project develops.