

Project "Kiss Entrepreneur"

Five members of The Chamber of Commerce and Industry Targovishte with leader Peyo Berov have participated in training course "Kiss entrepreneur". The 6 day training was hold part in Lithuania on 7-13th of July, 2013.

The training program helped to deepen youth trainers knowledge on entrepreneurship methods mainly based on non formal education principles. The training was dedicated to prepare 30 young people from six countries to strengthen their facilitator's skills and encourage them to work with youth groups using methods for entrepreneurship.

In the first Project stage (February – June, 2013) was prepared and tested 12 entrepreneurship methods that composed 6 days entrepreneurship training course. The special program was created by six experts representing partners youth organizations and universities specializing their competencies on entrepreneurship - Think Camp gem. EG (Germany); University of Information Technology and Management (Poland); University of South Bohemia, faculty of economics (Czech Republic); The Chamber of Commerce and Industry Targovishte (Bulgaria); Zavod Bob Institute (Slovenia) and Public institution "PROFAT" (Lithuania). "It was so many new things to share working in international team! I was surprised that we have long discussions on every topic – starting from social and commercial orientated companies missions, the understanding distinctions of social responsible enterprise and social innovative business model definition finishing with operational level of managing business procedures," - commented Lina Sodžiūtė, director from PROFAT.

"During our daily work we are trying to develop entrepreneurship methods as labor market is changing radically, we should tackle youth unemployment, finding new opportunities for their self-realization (to deepen knowledge on new professions, innovative economic sectors, modern work law institutes, new business start up possibilities) and develop their skills for establishing vendors or finding job", – project expert Elżbieta Szczepaniak representing University of Information Technology and Management (Poland).

"Think Camp gem initiative started 2008 out of the Global Marshall Plan Initiative in order to foster bottom up approaches for sustainable development so we certainly liked the Project "KISS Entrepreneur" innovative idea - to form work group composed from experts of entrepreneurship education, youth work and business management to prepare the relevant entrepreneurship education tools. We believe in social entrepreneurship and that only innovative social business can help us fight economical struggles in Europe" Johannes Pfister, head of Think Camp gem.

"Kiss entrepreneur" training embraced the idea for creation of eco-social enterprises and our participants are really eager to apply those virtual preparations to real life. The motivation trainings and team-building exercises were really productive for all the participants so everybody could feel the entrepreneurship spirit in them selves, to adjust to work with other people, to be patient for hearing other thoughts and ideas and be part of selection and implementation of the best knowledge, skills and development." – Peyo Berov, expert of International programmes and projects in Chamber of Commerce and Industry – Targovishte, Bulgaria.

On the next Project stage methodological guidelines/handbook for trainers for entrepreneurship methods will be prepared.