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***A Social Enterprise combines entrepreneurial activity with a social purpose.
Its main aim is to have a social impact.***

“Sustain your life through social entrepreneurship” is an Erasmus + KA2 Strategic partnership project managed by PRISM and founded with the support of the European Union. It aims at equipping young people with the necessary knowledge and tools to activate a social enterprise

Officially the project started in January 2016 with the kick off meeting of the partners in Palermo. During the meeting they focused on contents and upcoming steps for implementation.

The month of July 2016 has been a crucial moment for the implementation of the project, two important steps of the above-mentioned project have been implemented:

- The **first Training Course** - an international training held in Caltanissetta, from the 6th to the 10th, where 28 young people from Italy, Portugal, Spain, Romania, Lithuania, and Netherlands worked side by side. The training whose title is "**Turning needs into social start ups**" was implemented by PRISM. It equipped participants with project management competencies and tools necessary to build a sustainable social enterprise. It focused on all phases of the *Project Cycle Management* linked to a holistic approach for nonviolent community development. Through a non-formal, intercultural and creative learning process, the combination of study visits of local social enterprises, the testimony of local entrepreneurs operating in the social field and group work (both practical and theoretical) it has been possible to transfer to participants the knowledge and practical tools to start up a social business, offering innovative solutions to identified local community's needs.

- The **Second transnational meeting in Las Palmas**, Canary Islands (Spain) from the 14th to the 15th of July. The main focus of the transnational meeting was about the TC in Caltanissetta, the assessment tools to better evaluate the feedbacks of the participants, the organization of the next Training Courses and the preparation of the project outputs according to the TCs feedbacks.

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quality assurance of the project, on the results of the communication strategy and on the financial aspects of the project.

UPCOMING

Selection of n. 28 youth workers and young people to attend the next training in Rotterdam from the **30th of October to the 5th of November 2016.**

If you are resident in Italy, Romania, Netherland, Spain, Lithuania or Portugal and you want to take part into this experience please email to mobility@associazioneprism.eu we will put you in contact with local referents of the project

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“We all tried to collaborate and had the chance to share our experiences and knowledge about the social entrepreneurship phenomenon and its potential in the youth field and non-formal education in our own countries and also in Europe.”



“This project aims at the creation of a favourable environment to encourage and enable young people to pursue social entrepreneurship in their local communities. Entrepreneurship and self-employment could help young people to develop new key competences, respond to the emerging social needs and fully participate in society.”



“What I've learned from the Training Course in Caltanissetta is that with creativity you can find new ways for your entrepreneurship. What I've learned the most is that international contact can give you new ideas. In every country they will handle social needs in a different way. They gave me inspiration for starting new activities and to try to start a social centre in Surinam”.



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