

Press release

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Social Entrepreneurship Initiative for Youth (18yrs-30yrs)

More than 100 young people from seven EU countries will be supported to take the social entrepreneurship career path

More than 100 unemployed young people from seven European countries, interested in creating their own business, can learn how to develop a social enterprise and make a difference in their community through the I SEE YOU (Initiative to Foster Social Entrepreneurship Experience of Youth) project.

I SEE YOU started in 2014, and now the organizations involved in the project have opened the application call for young people from Austria, Ireland, Italy, Romania, Slovakia, Spain, and the United Kingdom. The project aims to develop the entrepreneurship skills and competences of unemployed young people, who have an interest in creating their own social business and have an affinity for technology.

Within the 2015-2016 project activities, the young people will have access to entrepreneurship trainings and will learn how to manage a real business through an innovative business simulation game. At the same time, the young people will work in international teams that will allow them to establish their first business network. Moreover, they will gain information about how to approach business angels and how to pitch their business plans to potential investors.

The eligible candidates for the project activities are **unemployed young people** (18-30 years old) from the seven European countries mentioned above. Special consideration is given to young persons with **minority or migrant background**, as they are usually facing additional barriers in entering the labour market or the business environment.

Applications can be submitted via the following link: <http://goo.gl/forms/1kdT6oQpaj>.

I SEE YOU project will give **open access to all the educational resources** developed within the project activities. Thus, all English speaking young people and all other stakeholders interested in social entrepreneurship for youth can access these resources on the project's website: www.iseeyou-network.eu.

"I SEE YOU" project is financed by the European Commission within the Erasmus+ program, and it is run by organizations with extensive experience in entrepreneurship education and providing support for young entrepreneurs. The project is coordinated by FH Joanneum, from Graz, Austria, which brought together other seven organizations: The Union of Self-Employed Professionals and Workers of Spain, Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia (Spain), Programma Integra (Italy), Italian-Slovak Chamber of Commerce (Slovakia), WestBIC (Ireland), Totem Learning (UK), and Danis Foundation for Managerial Development (Romania).

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