***Brief Presentation of the NNN-NetnotNeet Project***

*At EU level NEETs (Not in Employment Education or Training) are considered one of the most problematic groups in the context of youth unemployment. This project wants to enhance networking and co-operation amongst public and private actors, including through the exploitation of the tools existing in each country involved, in order to improve performances of VET system, employment services and relevant public authorities (VET&PA system) client-centred, and to better respond to the different needs of NEET people at local and European level.*

**The partnership**

CIOFS-FP (leader – Rome/Italy), Aarhus Social and Healthcare College (Aarhus/Denmark), MetropolisNet (European Economic Interest Grouping- EEIG), Ballymun Job Center (Dublin/Ireland), Asociatia pentru Invatare Permanenta (Iasi/Romania).

**Institutional partners:**

Provincia di Livorno (Livorno/Italy), Fundación CV Pacto para el Empleo en la Ciudad de Valencia (Valencia/Spain), Mardin Governorship – Provincial Social Studies and Project Management (Mardin/Turkey), City of Dublin Vocational Educational Committee (Dublin/Ireland), CITY OF STOCKHOLM – LABOUR MARKET ADMINISTRATION (Stockholm/Sweden), Regional Directorate for Primary and Secondary Education of Thessaly (Thessaly/Greece)

**The objectives**

The overall objective of NNN is to implement local and European networks, composed of VET&PA actors, supporting and strengthening their services, methodologies and tools and offer them new strategies to contrast the NEET phenomenon at European and local level.

**Operational objectives**

* to strengthen and support services, methodologies and tools provided by the VET system and employment services, according to the needs of the NEETs in each of the partner countries.
* to improve the VET&PA performances through directions provided by the Youth Guarantee Scheme and other European good practices (taking into account local features of labour market and welfare system of each country involved).
* to suggest tailored policy interventions taking into account the specific needs and different features of NEET subgroups in the countries involved.
* to bring public and private stakeholders (Local Administrations, job centres, SME, VET, etc.) and target groups (NEET, young unemployed, dropouts, etc) together in designing the process of integration of VET&PA actions at local level.

Particularly attention will be focused to reinforce and/or implement:

* measures to reintegrate early school-leavers; measures to provide timely support for those who have just made the decision to drop out by encouraging and enabling them to continue their previous studies or to find other more suitable training alternatives.
* measures to prevent early school-leaving. In this regard is our opinion that the education system, and especially VET, should change their teaching didactics (including ICT and social media) and learning principles to include and re-motivate NEET youth.
* new methodologies and strategies of Career guidance, to enable NEETs to get suitable work and to avoid a skill mismatch.
* school-to-work transition policies, because the transition phases are the trickiest ones thus increase one’s risk of becoming a NEET.
* measures to foster employability and to remove barriers to employment. The learning and work methods of youth are now heavily dominated by the media world and this project aims to take this into account as added value for new strategies and approaches.

**The project is based on a double level of complementary strategies**

1. Bottom-up: involving NEETs in [**Forums**](http://www.netnotneet.eu/methodologies/)and [**Laboratories of Dialogue**](http://www.netnotneet.eu/methodologies/) to discuss and propose new methodologies and tools for the VET system, employment services and relevant public authorities, according to their needs and expectations.
2. Top-down: involving public and private stakeholders of the VET system, employment services and relevant public authorities in [**Peer Reviews**](http://www.netnotneet.eu/methodologies/) to analyze the impact of their good practices.

Experts and NEETs will match in [**Dueling Moderator Focus Groups**](http://www.netnotneet.eu/methodologies/), where there will be a synthesis of the two points of view (bottom-up and top-down) which will flow into **National Strategy papers**.

A **Transnational Laboratory** will also be held with European experts, representatives of the NEET target group, the VET systems, employment services and relevant public authorities.
The results of this transnational lab will feed into a **Transnational Strategy paper**.
**3 study visits** involving partner organisations and external participants, selected through an EU Call for study visits, are planned in order to learn and share knowledge and experiences about social welfare systems oriented to NEETs.

**To guarantee strong exploitation and dissemination of the project results we have included the following:**

* a **Final European Conference** in Brussels to discuss the results of the project. We will involve private and public stakeholders as well as selected experts and policy makers.
* **3 study visits** involving partner organizations and external participants from different EU countries selected through a EU call for study visits;
* **Training & information sessions** for VET&PA actors in order to provide operational guidance to implement the project results and discuss their usability and transferability. This will enable them to plan and implement an action plan on NEET in their local context.
* a **Toolkit** for local administrations to provide practical information and  guidance on planning and implementing a plan of action focused on NEETs through VET, welfare system and Employment centers and services in specific contexts.