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YOUTH WORK

Youth2Work is an EU funded project supporting young people out of education or employment (NEETs from 18 to 28 years old) to gain valuable soft skills and competencies to aid job-seeking and employability.

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ONLINE COMMUNITY & LEARNING PLATFORM

Are you young and unemployed in search of the right moment to boost your career? Youth2Work is the perfect platform for you! It can help young people in entering the job market by providing targeted e-learning courses and giving access to a online community. The purpose is to enhance soft skills such as self-esteem, communication, motivation and others that are crucial for your career.

To have access to the Youth2Work online tools everyone who is interested can visit the website www.youth2work.eu and click on "Youth Area" in the upper bar. From there, it is possible to sign up on the website for free. The registration is very simple, all you need is to indicate your name, username, a valid email address and a password. It is also possible to register through your Facebook account.

Once signed up, every user is able to use the online community, where young people, students, the unemployed, trainers and mentors, can interact with one another, can discuss, share tips, advice, information or simply build relationships. It is possible to add photos and videos and create specific groups. People can share their status on the main board and comment or 'like' other users' statuses. It is possible to connect directly with someone by adding them as a friend or send a private message. The platform allows you to see who is online at a precise moment, and you can chat directly with a friend.

From the "Youth Area" users also have access to online courses, created according with the most sophisticated e-learning tools. The topics are really formative: "Taking a Different Approach to Problem Solving", "Seeing Yourself Differently", "How do you Manage your Time?", "Finding Flow in your Life", "Resilience at work", amongst the others. The courses are interactive and constituted by practical exercises, schemes, graphics, questionnaires and documents. There are six languages available: Italian, English, French, German, Portuguese and Greek.

Youth2Work is a totally free platform for everybody interested in learning and entrepreneurship!!

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DID YOU KNOW THAT:

- ✓ 14 million of young Europeans aged between 15 and 29 years old are out of the education system and have no place in the labour market.
- ✓ The youth unemployment rate is 36% in Greece and 27.8% in Portugal.
- ✓ 2.51 million people in the UK are currently facing unemployment.
- ✓ In Austria, the percentage of young women amongst NEETS (8.9%) is higher than the percentage of male youngsters (7.5%).
- ✓ Most of the people working in Switzerland are employed by SMEs, which play a major role in the Swiss economy.

The Career Circles™ have enabled disadvantaged NEETs to develop their employability by a supportive learning method based on soft skills. During the pilots in UK, Italy, Austria, Greece and Portugal, there were participants from across all partner countries who had diverse educational and migration backgrounds, which made the programme challenging and very interesting. In total 51 young people have profited from taking part in Youth2Work's Career Circles™. For more information on the participants' impressions of the Career Circles™ please visit: <http://www.youth2work.eu/en/news>

YOUTH 2 WORK FINAL EVENT

Lost in transition - Youngsters between education and employment

LUGANO, SWITZERLAND, 23RD OCTOBER 2014, 13.00–18.00

OVERVIEW OF THE PROGRAMME:

- **NEETs:** current status; social and economic perspectives
- **Y2W PROJECT:** panel discussion on origins, aims, experiences, lessons learned and perspectives in Switzerland and in partner countries through the voice of protagonists
- **WORLD CAFÉ:** discussion tables on selected topics
- **BEYOND Y2W:** panel discussion with representatives of local institutions and external partners from the hosting project led by Trento province