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The Erasmus+ funded RevitaLESE Project is a 2 year initiative that had its official face-to-face kick-off meeting on the 28th & 29th, March 2022.

LESE ORGANISATIONS - WHAT ARE THEY?

Longer-established social economy (LESE) organisations are defined as social economy organisations in existence over 7 years. Unlike early-stage social economy organisations, LESE organisations have track records of delivering goods and services, matured management and corporate governance structures, experienced staff and, importantly, assets and resources that can be leveraged for *growth and the provision of* additional services to vulnerable communities.

THE ULTIMATE GOAL

Social entrepreneurship, enterprise, and innovation became a key priority for many funders, including the EU, in the last 10 - 15 years. <u>RevitaLESE</u> will address an identified gap in the training offerings available to social economy organisations, i.e., ongoing support beyond the start-up phase.

The RevitaLESE Project aims to:

- 1. Support LESE organisations to review and update their social mission to be more impactful and adapt their business models to be more effective.
- 2. Ensure that LESE organisations are ready to adapt to a greener and more digital business ecosystem and lead the way in driving a sustainable economic model that works for people and the planet.

- 3. Increase the visibility and understanding of the social economy in Europe and its vital socio-economic contribution by establishing a LESE EU network and information hub.
- **4.** Research and present how various education stakeholders serving the European social economy can use our model and better support the ongoing needs of LESE organisations through education and training and provide a model for replication.
- **5.** Build the capacity of partner organisations and stakeholders to support social economy members and beneficiaries.

KICK-OFF! - ATHENS, GREECE

Despite COVID creating many barriers in terms of face-to-face meetings, the RevitaLESE consortium managed to get together for the project's official 'kick-off' meeting in beautiful, sunny Athens, Greece on the 28th and 29th of March, 2022.



It was a 'jam-packed' and very productive 2 days for the project partners.

Discussions and group brain storming sessions were focused around overviews of the projects timeline, activities and results in order to establish a collective understanding of all the tasks that need to be completed and the best working methods to use in order to ensure the project is a success.

CONNECT WITH US!

It's only the beginning, but we haven't wasted any time. We are spreading the RevitaLESE word OUT THERE and would also love for you to connect with us via our social media channels. By doing so, you can keep up to date with the projects progression, possible collaboration opportunities, show your support and spread the word with us!

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