



## Project title:

eNEET Rural: Facilitating entrepreneurship and improving skills of NEETs living in rural areas

Country	Project partner status	Institution	Type of institution	City
Bulgaria	Lead partner	Union of Bulgarian Black Sea Local Authorities	NGO	Varna
Hungary	Beneficiary partner	Regional Innovation Agency of Central Hungary Association of Public Utility	Private	Godollo
Italy	Beneficiary partner	Mantuan Oltrepò Consortium	Public	Mantova
Romania	Beneficiary partner	Center for the Development of the Structural Funds	NGO	Slatina
Slovenia	Beneficiary partner	STYRIAN TECHNOLOGY PARK	Public	Pesnica pri Mariboru
Spain	Beneficiary partner	Business Research Association National Agrofood Technological Center, Extremadura	NGO	Villafranco del Guadiana
Norway	Expertise partner	Inclusion AS	Private	Asker

### ABOUT THE PROJECT

**WHY:** In many rural areas of Europe there are few job opportunities. Youth unemployment is high, and many young people who have dropped out of school are low-skilled and have difficulties getting a job. This is especially true for the disabled and those belonging to ethnic minorities, who face discrimination from education and employers.

**WHAT:** The project partners will offer training and preparation for two distinct groups: those with a secondary school diploma will receive entrepreneurship training, while those without a diploma will receive training that prepares them for jobs. The project will focus on innovation and technology in the agricultural sector and create a toolkit that will include various forms of training, a competition, staff exchange and mentoring.

PROJECT  
DURATION  
(months):  
**36**

GRANT  
AMOUNT:  
€ 1.5 MILLION

AREAS OF  
SUPPORT:  
INNOVATION AND  
EXPLORATION,  
TRANSFER OF  
KNOW-HOW

#### Target groups:

- Low-skilled young people not in employment, education or training living in rural areas and registered with the public employment services, who face multiple barriers in entering the labour market.

### ABOUT THE FUND

The €60 million EEA and Norway Grants Fund for Youth Employment supports transnational project initiatives that promote sustainable and quality youth employment in Europe. The focus on transnational cooperation reflects the view that unemployment among youth is a common European challenge and common European solutions should therefore be explored.

The fund seeks to complement existing EU funding on youth employment initiatives, e.g. the long-term unemployed in the age group 25-29.

The selected projects aim to:

- Make it easier for 25 000 young people to find a job
- Create 3500 jobs in NGOs and social enterprises
- Help 1800 young people start up their own business

The 27 selected projects involve partners from all the 15 beneficiary countries of the EEA and Norway Grants as well as Ireland, Italy and Spain – all countries with high youth unemployment. The projects also include expertise partners from the donor countries Iceland and Norway as well as two international organisations and other EU member states.

[www.eeagrants.org/youthemployment](http://www.eeagrants.org/youthemployment)

### ABOUT THE EEA AND NORWAY GRANTS

The EEA and Norway Grants represent the contribution of Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway to reducing economic and social disparities and to strengthening bilateral relations with 15 EU countries in Central and Southern Europe and the Baltics. For the period 2014-2021, the total contribution is €2.8 billion (EEA Grants €1.5 billion and Norway Grants €1.3 billion).

Under the EEA Agreement, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway are part of the European internal market. The EEA Agreement sets out the common goal of working together to reduce social and economic disparities.

