Enhancing Social Inclusion of Youth Through Employment in Agriculture Sector

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OBJECTIVES

- To enhance the social inclusion of youth with fewer opportunities (including NEETs)
- To encourage young people to enter the labour market
- To stop migration towards big cities
- To increase the entrepreneurship and language skills
- To develop the competence of young people in profitable agri-food activities (e.g. exportation of agri-food products)
- To promote the development of target group (unemployed youth, future farmers, agri-food professionals, local authorities, NEETs, students at highschool or university etc.) to tackle unemployment through free, innovative training materials including topics of Good Agricultural Practices (GAP), Agri-Food Marketing, Agricultural Entrepreneurship, Food Safety and Traditional Processing Technologies, and Value-Added Food Products from Fruits and Vegetables
- To increase the agricultural production contribution of young people
- To make farming activities more attractive for youth
- To tighten the cooperation among partners from different countries
- To support agricultural sustainability

TARGET GROUPS

\checkmark Unemployed youth
\checkmark Young people with fewer opportunities (including NEETs), especially from rural areas according to Erasmus+ Inclusion and Diversity Strategy (2014)
\checkmark Students who are studying at vocational agriculture high-schools, two-year vocational agriculture schools, agricultural and food engineering departments as well as other high school and university students showing interest to the agri-food sector
\checkmark Graduates from agriculture high schools, from two-year vocational agriculture schools, from agricultural and food engineering faculty and from other faculties
\checkmark Agri-food sector employers and employees (workers, cooperatives, exporters, package producers, wholesalers etc.)
\checkmark Policy-makers
\checkmark Colleagues, local authorities, other organisations leading the same type of activity, networks, etc.

INTELLECTUAL OUTPUTS

\textbf{01-} Need Assessment Survey.
\textbf{02-} Good Agricultural Practices (GAP): Precision Farming Training Material.
\textbf{03-} Agri-Food Marketing Training Material.
\textbf{04-} Agricultural Entrepreneurship Training Material.
\textbf{05-} Food Safety and Traditional Food Processing Technologies Training Material.
\textbf{06-} Value Added Food Products from Fruits and Vegetables Training Material.
\textbf{07-} E-Learning Module.

PROJECT RESULTS

The project aims to support participants with training and other related activities. The collaboration between partner organizations will increase the quality of activities and output materials. By this means, the results that are given below are expected;

1. To contribute to reducing youth unemployment
2. To promote the social inclusion of young people
3. To contribute to reducing the number of young people leaving rural areas
4. To enhance skills and competencies of youth about agricultural practices and food processing technologies
5. To increase the awareness of target groups in terms of profitable agri-food activities
6. To enhance the interest of youth for agri-food practices
7. To develop Smart, Easy-used, Free of charge, Understandable and Innovative training materials for the target group to promote their qualifications and skills
8. To fulfill the labor market needs with more qualified employees
9. The acquisition and the use of knowledge and qualifications will improve personal development, self-esteem, employability skills and participation in the European labour market. Then, young people will get rid of the feeling of exclusion and they will make living in the village an advantage.