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Face to face LTTA

It was a great way to close the summer period; also, after months of Covid restrictions and limitations on travel; participants and partners of the Erasmus+ KA2 Youth Social Innovation for Europe (SIE) project gathered in Bucharest, Romania for this important LTTA training...



From Bucharest with Love X

Happening

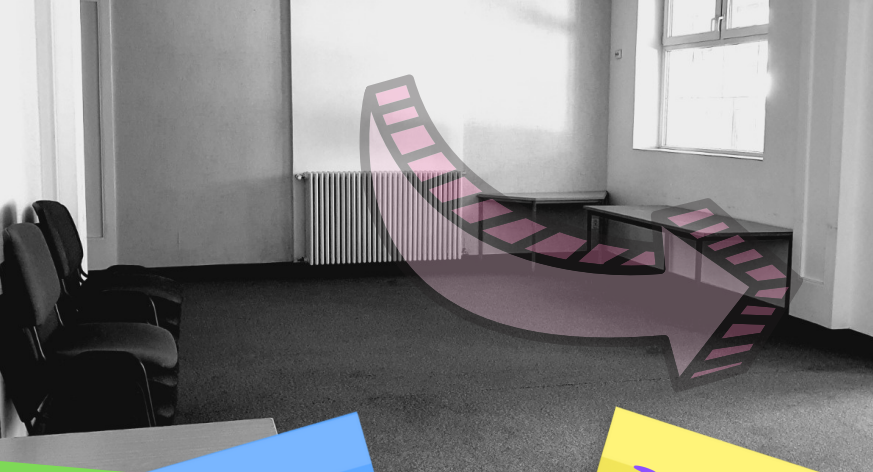
Four representatives and participants from each consortium partner country; Italy, UK, Spain, Turkey, Slovakia and of course, Romania came together in this this dynamic capital city for the Learning Teaching and Training Activity (LTTA) stage of the Social Innovation for Europe Erasmus+ project.

The training was programmed to last a full 5 days and partners arrived at the venue "TEI Student Sports and Culture Centre" at various points of what was the first day in September. A communication channel was soon set up on Whatsapp, and this was a really efficient way to support the participants as they arrived after often quite complicated journeys. The location had lots of space and facilities for the group to participate openly and safely...

Intercultural


The diverse group contained representatives from different sectors; two municipalities, NGOs, companies, youth organisations, training and coaching companies, with participants spanning generations which made for interesting activities and intercultural dialogue.

An intercultural evening was programmed as a way to break the ice and serve as a perfect moment for sharing previous experiences, ideas, personal and professional results and some interesting and useful things for other participants. Everyone brought local goodies in order to enjoy some quality time together.



I feel more confident after this training course - the participants were non judgemental and i learned a lot about myself

THE TRAINING HELPED PUT IN PERSPECTIVE THE DIFFERENT CULTURAL STYLES IMPORTANT TO KNOW WHEN THINKING ABOUT STARTING A BUSINESS



Everyone has the ability to positively change their own life and that of others - I know i have developed new skills that I can put to use now and in the future



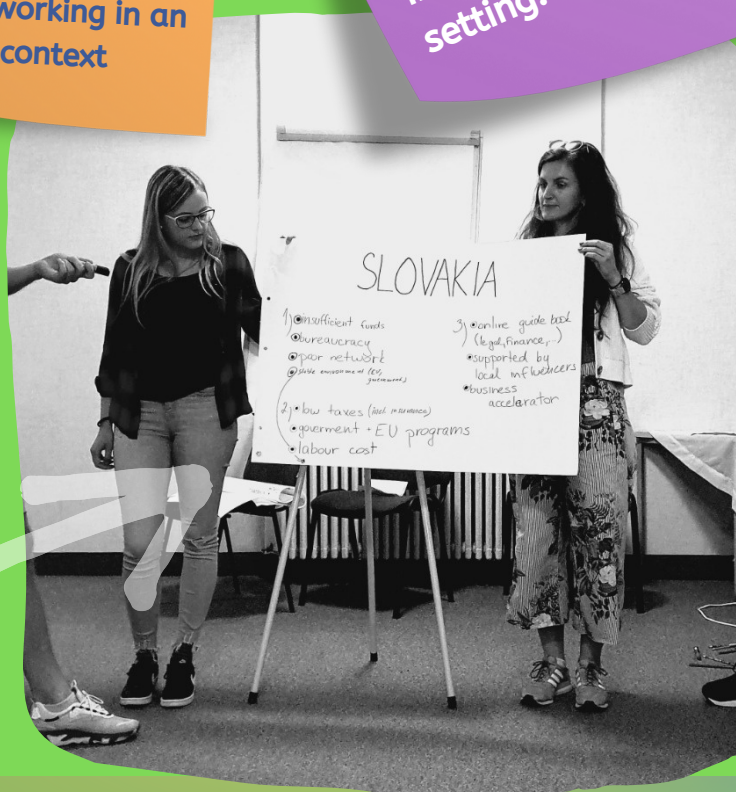
It was fantastic to share business ideas and social concepts with peers from a range of backgrounds and cultures!

I have learned a lot about myself, and how to deal with pressure situations, presenting and public speaking. As well as feeling more confident, I am comfortable working in an international context

I will put these new skills to use in my own youth training. I can make a big impact in my own setting!



A foolproof elevator pitch template



Packed Programme

With a group of over 28 people, and people know, it's often a challenge to make a programme that suits everyone. That is why the days were themed so as to allow a consistent thread of entrepreneurship to run throughout the activities. The activities were engaging and interactive, and the chance to break the ice was crucial to ensure that participants could express themselves freely, the daily themed activities included:

- Business Essentials The Entrepreneurial Ecosystem,
- the Entrepreneurial Mindset vs. Employee Mindset,
- Company Branding and Personal Branding,
- Mission and Vision,
- Business planning and Strategic thinking,
- Agile business vs. Waterfall Business,
- Business and Market research,
- Business Development,
- Start-up - Scale-up - Exit,
- Innovation,
- Expert - Entrepreneur - Manager

Friends

Feedback from the LTTA participants was sought at various stages of the Bucharest activity, and this was to ensure the programme met the needs of the diverse SIE group. Like with any other cultural gathering, spending high quality social moments is vital to the overall aims of the Erasmus+ programme. The team (yes, they became a team) spent cultural moments as the week long programme went on, and the groups bonded and shared inspirational and funny moments.

Reflections

The further involvement of young social entrepreneurs is essential to make sure the materials remain relevant and sustainable. The young person's voice has to be the thread that runs through the materials and SIE partners welcome continued involvement from local, social partners...

Next Steps

Partners are now planning the project's next steps. The finishing touches are being put to the mentoring videos as part of IO1 as we prepare the groundwork for the IO2 teaching and training materials. These will likely take the form of animated instructions supporting youth leaders and trainers. The lessons of the LTTA will be used in the later stages of the project

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