



NEWSLETTER 1: ETC.4SE PROJECT FEBRUARY – MARCH 2018

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ETC.4SE An Erasmus+ project

The ETC.4SE project (co-funded by the European Commission under the Erasmus+ Programme) aims to create resources for future social entrepreneurs, existing entrepreneurs and tools that will help them. There is a lack of specialised training units and practice resources with real projects that can aid entrepreneurs develop projects but also solve specific challenges in their communities. This is what the project aims to address: to provide learning opportunities to encourage young long term unemployed to enter the business world, set up a business and be socially responsible.

What we will do:

The ETC.4SE projects aims to create resources that will improve social competences such as active entrepreneurship, critical thought, and digital competences. All this using the

theoretical basis of the Social Economy and with a collaborative spirit. An online platform will be developed where future entrepreneurs can enter and find training material and resources to suit specific needs.

Who we are:

We are a consortium of five partners from across Europe sharing the same vision and the same goals. The partners are: [Drosostalida Social Enterprise](#) from Greece, [VET IRIS](#) from Greece, [Inqubator Leeuwarden](#) from Holland, [Sociedade Portuguesa de Inovação](#) from Portugal and [Bridging to the Future](#) from the UK. More information about the partners, at the bottom of the newsletter.



Our kick off meeting

Our first meeting took place in Athens, Greece on the 18th and 19th December 2017. We discussed the course of action, the project and its activities. Our next steps are to collect input by our target groups through an online questionnaire and a desktop survey.



Our 2nd project meeting in Porto, Portugal

The next meeting will be held in Porto (Portugal) on 17th and 18th May 2018. During this meeting, the first version of the platform will be presented, as well as the survey results and the curriculum developed by all the partners.



Social Entrepreneurship

According to Wikipedia, social entrepreneurship is: the use of start-up companies and other entrepreneurs to develop, fund and implement solutions to social, cultural, or environmental issues.

FAST FACTS

10%

Of all EU businesses are social enterprises

6%

Of all EU employees work for social enterprises

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit our website:

<https://www.etc4se.eu>

Our project started in October 2017 and will run for 24 months. Several activities, events and actions are foreseen. Follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ETC4SE/ and Twitter @ETC4SE to keep up to date with our activities. Visit also our website for more information: www.etc4se.eu

Detailed information about our partners:

1. **Drosostalida** Social Enterprise located in Athens, Greece. The social enterprise Drosostalida is the coordinator of the ETC.4SE project. Drosostalida aims to promote integration into economic and social life of individuals who belong to vulnerable groups. This mainly through training and helping them become employable.
2. **IRIS Vocational Training Centre:** located in Piraeus, Greece: a vocational training centre providing certified training courses to the Greek public.
3. **Inqubator Leeuwarden** in Leeuwarden, Holland: we focus on helping start-up companies to firmly establish their business and maximize their growth over a maximum period of three years. Inqubator does this for a very varied group of people: student entrepreneurs, techno start-ups, unemployed persons, etc.
4. **Sociedade Portuguesa de Inovação – Consultadoria Empresarial e Fomento da Inovação, S.A. (SPI)** from Portugal, is a knowledge-management consultancy focusing in areas such as Innovation, Science and Technology. Both nationally and internationally, SPI provides a dynamic range of innovative activities and services to public and private clients and has been actively involved in projects funded by international development agencies such as the European Commission, World Bank, Inter-American Development Bank and the United Nations.
5. **Bridging to the Future** from the UK: Bridging to the Future mission is to create economic independence for individuals, communities, marginalised groups and regions through entrepreneurship, leadership and

education. A crucial part of this is to enact socio-economic change through enabling communities to help themselves and to create and develop their own local businesses, social enterprises and community led solutions.



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