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## Youth without family

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 Key Action: **Learning Mobility of Individuals**

 Action Type: **Youth mobility**

New innovative curricula/educational methods/development of training courses



Early School Leaving / combating failure in education Youth (Participation, Youth Work, Youth Policy)

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## Summary

### Objectives

The project is a response to the growing problem of social orphanage in Europe related to with the economic emigration of families as well as the growing wave of refugees, among whom there are also young people who are without the support of familiar adults. It also applies to work with this group of young people, who are raised in institutions because of problems in their families - addictions, violence, conflicts with the law, diseases. This project is a response to the needs of young people brought up in institutions, who frequent changed the foster families, lonely, with abnormal relations.

Staff working with the affected young people need to be prepared in a proper way to respond to their needs, new tools and working methods. It is necessary to use mutual experiences and good practices. It should be emphasized that work in the indicated area is associated with the risk of burnout, and failures that appear at work can lead to discouragement and lack of individualization of the offer. The need to implement the project appeared during other activities carried out by FpD with partners from Romania and Greece. Discussing the problem of homelessness and becoming independent of youth, the problem of the lack of positive adults / families appeared, which is one of the basic barriers to the correct social readaptation of young people.

Project goals:

1. Developing international cooperation for youth, education and healthy lifestyle and counteracting social exclusion (including early leaving of education).
2. Expanding the potentials of organizations acting for the benefit of young people by improving staff and learning new methods of work.
3. Creating a better offer and improving the quality of work in the field of youth at risk of social exclusion.
4. Exchange and dissemination of good practices in the field of work with youth brought up outside the family or in families that do not guarantee proper support.
5. Implementation of the knowledge and skills acquired by the trainees for everyday work with youth as well as dissemination of new and improved tools for work in the local and national environment.

### Activities

Within the framework of the project (6 days) will be organized the training, for staff working with young people without support from the family, affected by social orphanhood. The training participants will be both its recipients and teachers. The training will create a platform for exchanging experiences and good practices, but also for working out new working methods.

During the training, a film will be made that addresses the problem of young people - orphaned and lonely - and the consequences of this state of affairs. The training will also be summarized in the report, in which participants will describe good practices and working methods to disseminate them. The project will be attended by specialists -

pedagogical workers, teachers, social workers, psychologists, vocational counselors, therapists - having at least 3 years of experience in working with young people and practicing every day.

Three specialists from 7 partner organizations (21 participants in total) and 6 specialists from Poland will participate in the project.

To participate in the FpD training, it will invite representatives of other Polish organizations operating in other parts of Poland, thus expanding the project's impacts. It is worth to point out that in Poland, the number of organizations and institutions working with youth with fewer opportunities still uses the ERASMUS + program is too small (in particular, it refers to social rehabilitation centers that do not engage in international activities). The inclusion of the representatives of these institutions in the project will enable the development of the Erasmus + program offer and direct it to a wider range of recipients -youth workers and young people themselves.

## Impact

Actions and training undertaken in the project are primarily aimed at shaping a better offer for the youth affected by social orphanhood.

Specialists who become familiar with new methods, "refresh" their work instruments, acquire new skills and knowledge will shape a better offer for young people and more effectively counteract their social exclusion.

The project will enable the creation of a European network of cooperation between organizations and countries to prevent social exclusion, will influence

(through the film) the development of appropriate social attitudes towards the problem of orphanhood and shape attitudes of empathy.

Results of the action:

1. Better quality of the offer addressed to orphaned youth, at risk of marginalization.
2. International cooperation in the field of counteracting and intervention in the situation of a social orphanage.
3. Report containing a description of good practices, methods and tools for working with young people.
4. A film about the problem of orphanhood and its consequences - drawing attention to the problem, increasing empathy

## Results

Results for this project are not yet available. They might become available after the project's end date.

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