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Abstract

Una ricognizione dell'outdoor training in Europa

Il Progetto Next (Programma Leonardo) Una ricerca e una sperimentazione delle metodologie esperienziali in Europa

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The aim of this project proposal is to adapt and integrate training/educational methodologies in such a way as to provide a more effective answer to the increasingly widespread need for the development of social skills, a task which more traditional methods seem to find extremely difficult.

Social skills are unanimously recognized as a fundamental prerequisite for people wishing to successfully access the labour market. Furthermore, it is particularly important to encourage the development of a serene relationship with the social context of reference in disadvantaged groups of people whose life experience is affected by particularly problematic situations.

Traditional systems often approach the transfer of social skills ineffectively, failing to focus the training experience on the person and his or her personal conquest of experience and self-confidence. What is needed is an innovative methodology, a valid support and training tool based on an experience-based approach (dramatization, simulation, bodily experience, etc.) which encourages acquisition of the ability to relate to others and other social skills such as self confidence, communications skills, organizational skills, team work and spirit of enterprise (all of which were indicated by the European Council in Lisbon as necessary prerequisites for positive insertion not only into the labour market but also into society). Indeed, innovative techniques and methodologies can be particularly effective as far as fragile and socio-economically disadvantaged young people are concerned.

The direct beneficiaries of this project will be vocational training experts and teachers working in national training and educational systems, players who fulfil a crucial role in encouraging and disseminating innovation throughout national systems. The project shall

actively involve these players on a constant basis.

Coordinated by the partners, the players will firstly identify and test innovative self-learning methodologies and techniques and then act as promoters of the transfer of method to the context of reference on the basis of the specific needs identified.

The project will set up a comparative European survey of the use of experience-based training methods and techniques which shall start with the identification of best practices and proceed to define and create – by means of sharing and confrontation between the partners - an innovative training model. This model will also offer support to the trainers themselves as it will stimulate the development of skills which are not found in consolidated disciplines and are often only considered in informal contexts.

The project will be divided into various stages: research, European survey, creation and testing of prototype training model. And each stage will strive to answer three criteria: the effectiveness of the training proposed by the model; the transferability of the model to national vocational training systems; and the cost effectiveness of the activity.

With regard to the development of this innovative methodology, great importance has been attributed to the creation of a solid network of partners which ensures a widespread sharing of the project objectives and the results achieved as well as a close involvement of local players interested in innovating training systems through a coordinated approach. In order to facilitate the organization of this network, local partnerships will be set up and local training pacts will be signed.

The aim of the local training pacts will be to establish relationships between public and private players operating in the training system



and to support them in the dissemination and implementation of the training model in the territory of reference. The project has identified one international partnership (Italy, Germany, Poland, France, Bulgaria, Lithuania) involving private players – operating in the training sector and the field of dissemination of innovative learning and self-learning methodologies and techniques – and public authorities.

The partnership shall organize a locally-operating European network and produce

publicity materials (seminars, papers, CD Roms) in such a way as to ensure that the results of the project are disseminated and exploited not only by the direct beneficiaries (trainers, teachers and academics), but also by other players involved in the training sector and especially those whose mission is to recover and re-insert fragile and disadvantaged persons into society and the labour market.