



ACTION

Unlocking the talents of marginalised youth in a digital media environment

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Behind the scenes at ACTION:

If you are new to Erasmus+ projects, you may wonder what work partner organisations complete in the initial phases of the project, so that in the end, we have a range of quality educational materials that can be used in any youth work setting and transferred to other target groups. So what has the ACTION team achieved in the first 6 months?

Welcome to the second newsletter of the ACTION project!

ACTION is a two-year project that has just kicked off in June 2019 and will run until May 2021. ACTION has been funded with support from the Erasmus+ Programme and over the duration of the project, partner organisations from Czech Republic, Cyprus, Estonia France, Germany and Ireland will work to engage youth professionals and hard-to-reach young people in targeted training interventions in the area of digital and social media. The aim is to complete a series of short films using available technology, such as smartphones, tablets, open-source editing software, etc. with young people across Europe.

Local Stakeholder Forums

In the first six-months of the project, partner organisations have been busy establishing local groups of advisors that will support our work throughout the project. These local groups are made up of dedicated youth workers and professionals from across the sectors of digital media production and youth work, who volunteer their time to providing feedback on our draft learning resources, complete quality evaluations to ensure that our project work is on track. The support and participation of professionals in these groups is key to ensuring that the training materials and activities we develop can be applied to a youth work setting. If you are interested in joining one of these groups, please contact the consortium partner in your region through the project website:

www.actionyouth.eu. If you don't live in one of the countries where ACTION is being piloted, don't worry; you can also participate in online evaluations and activities remotely, so get in touch today to see how you can support our work.

In-Service Training Programme for Front-line Youth Professionals

At the beginning of the project, partner organisations are busy developing frameworks and making plans for the training materials that will be developed. To date, partners from Czech Republic, Germany and Ireland have been working to develop a first draft of modules that will make up one-third of the In-service Training Programme for Front-line Youth Professionals. This training programme will comprise 21-hours of face-to-face training, that will equip youth professionals with the practical skills they need to capture and edit quality video footage on their smartphones and to use these activities to deliver creative projects with young people in their groups. The programme also provides 29-hours of self-directed learning that youth workers will be able to access through the ACTION e-learning portal, and will enhance their knowledge of non-formal learning, working in non-traditional environments, social media and digital youth work and how to stay safe when working in online environments. Together this programme will provide comprehensive CPD training for front-line youth workers. These draft materials are currently being tested with our local stakeholder forums. When we receive this valuable feedback, we will develop the remaining six modules of the programme, ready for delivering to 12 youth workers at a transnational training event in Czech Republic in September 2020. If you are a youth worker and would like to learn more about this transnational training opportunity, why not get in touch with the partner organisation in your region?



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The Second Meeting is held in Estonia

The second meeting of the ACTION project team was hosted by Youth in Business and Science Foundation (YSBF) in Tallinn, Estonia in December 2019. At this meeting, partners who are working on the In-Service Training Programme were given the opportunity to present the work they had completed on their modules so far to other partners, and to complete a short peer review before the training programme is evaluated by local groups in each country. The meeting also gave E-Juniors, who are leading the development of a Digital Toolkit of Resources, the opportunity to present their plans for developing these digital resources. This toolkit will comprise a set of practical activities that youth workers can use to deliver creative, digital media projects with their youth groups; as well as a set of alternative group work activities that will encourage young people to work on their own in groups, to develop their own ideas for creative projects. These activities will complement the content of the In-Service Training Programme, building on the skills that youth workers already have and supporting them to provide new and unique opportunities for young people to learn new skills and also be creative at the same time.

The partner consortium will meet again to assess the progress of the project in Dresden, Germany, in June 2020; where partners will sign-off on the In-Service Training Programme and the Digital Toolkit of Resources in English, and will plan for the transnational and national training activities where this programme will be piloted with youth workers.

Meet the Team...

ACTION is promoted by a consortium of 6 partner organisations for 6 EU countries:

- ▶ [E-Juniors \(France\)](#)
- ▶ [Future in Perspective \(Ireland\)](#)
- ▶ [Youth in Science and Business Foundation \(Estonia\)](#)
- ▶ [Jugend und Kulturprojekt](#)
- ▶ [AKLUB \(Czech Republic\)](#)
- ▶ [CARDET \(Cyprus\)](#)

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