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European Certificate in Community Enterprise

Balancing needs of clients alongside those of commercial enterprise may cause problems for organisations with a social purpose. This is a challenge but it also creates a niche market for growth. Many NGOs have potential to become quality providers of jobs, supporting by the emergence of enterprise. Some of the world's best and most successful entrepreneurs have been excluded members of society in their personal past. Using their natural entrepreneurship "street-wise" skills are used to overcome poverty & disadvantage. Many have had no entry-level qualifications that would have allowed them to access HE.

The European Certificate in Community Enterprise (ECCE) is a new European-level vocational qualification developed by partners from UK, France, Spain, Sweden and Romania. During the life of the project they combined their knowledge and experience to create a relevant, flexible and needs-driven qualification to specifically support growth across Europe's Social Economy. ECCE also sets up a new Learning Network as a way of disseminating and mainstreaming ECCE and its specialist toolkit.

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ECCE Objectives

KEY OBJECTIVE 1:

To develop active citizenship, employability, new business creation and future learning paths for individuals from hard-to-reach communities.

KEY OBJECTIVE 2:

To promote entrepreneurship education, to develop active citizenship, employability and new business creation (including social entrepreneurship), supporting future learning and career paths for individuals in line with their personal and professional development.

This project's results include a specialist start-up programme to help aspiring social enterprise & NGOs (Non-government organisations) identify business needs and access bespoke enterprise training. We create an accredited social enterprise course and toolkit, which will be designed and tested collaboratively over a two-year period in order to create a resource which effectively meets the learning needs of Europe's aspiring social entrepreneurs.



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Pilot Certificate

Travelling to Romania, SEK and its partners brought together 32 international social entrepreneurs to study social enterprise.

The course started fittingly on "Europe Day" and was delivered over a week, covering business planning and mission, social impact, marketing strategies, and finance. SEK placed the 32 social entrepreneurs into 6 internationally diverse groups. They put their learning into practice by coming up with a social enterprise of their own. By the Friday, each group presented their new social enterprise to the whole group, and SEK and its partners were impressed! In only 5 days, they had created viable, sustainable, and inspiring social enterprises.

Pro Vita in Romania were amazing hosts and the group was privileged to have tours of four social enterprises to show our learners some real life examples of working social enterprises. They were



Social Enterprise Visit, Romania May 2016

ECCE Event

Evaluation of the course by ECCE founders was completed by BASTA.

In November 2016, we are happy to launch and discuss the ECCE course in front of a European audience, and to draw comments and observations from activists within the social economy.

We are pleased to welcome people from all over Europe to discuss community enterprise, and create a platform for the future generation of social entrepreneurs to learn about how they can start their own social businesses.

The future of ECCE is bright! We hope to secure a second stage of funding in order to accredit the course with a learning institution.



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