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FOREWORD

How not to starting this Operation Report without reminding the disappearance of our President Jean Degimbe.

Since the beginning of the 1950s, Jean has been involved in building a social and economic Europe that had just emerged from the Second World War. He began his European career at the European Coal and Steel Community, then he became Senior Advisor to Raymond Barre and François Xavier Ortoli at the Commission of the European Communities and finally General Director at DG Employment, Social Affairs and Industrial Relations at the European Commission.

These 40 years of professional life have forged a man of conviction, a visionary always attentive to others and he was one of the craftsmen of the social Europe and the European social dialogue. When he retired in 1992, he decided to take over the Presidency of the CEC in order to share his experience, his enthusiasm and his address book.

In discovering the work of organizations and actors in the active field of training and socio-professional integration of low-skilled people, he immediately regretted having neglected this sector by lack of knowledge and lack of time during his duties at the European Commission.

Thus, he spent twenty years crossing Europe to raise awareness and recognition of the importance and the richness of this associative sector in charge of social inclusion.

It is now important for the CEC team to continue this work in a fast changing Europe and society.

At our last General Assembly, Jean-Paul Tricart did us the honor of accepting the Presidency of the CEC and was elected by the members.

Jean-Paul Tricart has been in the DG Employment and Social Affairs of the European Commission from 1988 to 2017 and has been successively Head of Unit for Enlargement and International Affairs, Head of Unit for Social Dialogue and Industrial Relations and Adviser on international issues.

So that Jean-Paul can familiar with and discover the activities of the CEC members, we will try in 2018 and 2019 to go around the members of the network.

Éric Degimbe, Director.

I. INTRODUCTION

This CEC report concerned the year 2017.

CEC is made up of 26 partners from 16 EU member states: ACFI-FIAS (Belgium – Wallonia, Brussels), AID (Belgium, Wallonia, Brussels), Argentura Rri (Slovakia), Association Convergences Emploi Cergy (France), Barka Foundation (Poland), CDJP (Serbia), Civitas (Romania), CJD-BBW (Germany), DGASPC (Romania), Diopter (Croatia), Dobrovita (Slovenia), ENSINUS (Portugal), EQUA (Spain), FISSAAJ (Belgium), Fondazione Luigi Clerici (Italy), Integrity Consulting (Bulgaria), KEM-RVA (Hungary), Medialys (France), Mesogeiko (Greece), Pro Vocatie (Romania), Santa Casa da Misericordia de Lisboa – SCML (Portugal), Scuola Centrale Formazione (Italy), Sud-Concept (Corse, France), T.T. Technical Training Centre Larnaca Ltd (Cyprus), Fundacio Privada Trinijove (Catalonia, Spain), Uni-Est (France).

CEC members represent around 1000 organisations such as social enterprises (non-profit companies providing supported employment), social cooperatives, training centres, vocational schools, residential centres and employment training organisations that offer re-socialisation, training and social and professional integration opportunities to around 100,000 young people and adults who are mostly removed from the labour market.

II. CEC'S PRESENTATION & OBJECTIVES

CEC's objective is to contribute to the definition and implementation of solidarity policies regarding populations excluded or far away from the labour market and in particular to the strengthening of the European action for promotion of socio-economic integration of these populations.

For this purpose, CEC led its action in two complementary directions: on the one hand, it develops partnerships between its members to promote innovation, identification and dissemination of best practices based on experience. And on the other hand, participates in the public debate on the improvement of public policies in this area, and especially EU policies, and cooperates to this end with all the actors involved in the fight against social exclusion.

A. CEC strengths: partnerships, methodologies and best practices in socio-economic integration

In their action towards people excluded or remote from the labour market, CEC members have in common to develop socio-economic integration pathways including as required assistance towards socialization, training, integration and support towards and into employment. In this perspective, they provide training mainly not formal allowing obtaining a series of technical and behavioural skills, and/or they promote access to work experience combining people needs and business and the labour market realities. Integration pathways favour a tailored accompaniment, anchored in local contexts and mobilizing various partners in an integrated approach using the following methods:

1. Tailor-made accompaniment :

- σ Continuous guidance and support for the person throughout their training pathway and, if required, during the first months of employment;
- σ Individual or in small group coaching based on learner needs, by formal or informal training (more practical than theoretical) focused on labour market needs.

2. Anchored in local and regional contexts:

- σ The bottom-up approach taking account of the local and/or regional specificities, (and so mobilises the territorial actors);
- σ Region, district or micro-district is often the most relevant scale to reach individuals, early school leavers or low-skilled by setting up formal and informal training pathways targeted the most possible on learners needs.
- σ Cooperation with actor's networks or federations at national and European levels can increase the visibility of local action and have a multiplier effect.

3. Partners mobilization in an integrated approach:

- σ Working in partnership (education, training, business, social enterprises, associative sector and public authorities) allows offering integrated support of the various components of social and economic integration; this partnership includes engaging in training these people, encouraging learning and having companies offering internships (as appropriate to the title of Corporate Social Responsibility initiatives).
- σ The willingness to constantly assess the actions carried out with these partners encourages research and innovation synergies between actors.

B. CEC contribution to the fight against social exclusion: participation in the public debate on policies and cooperation with the actors and networks of actors.

CEC, and especially some of its members have developed regular cooperation with actors and networks of actors, public and no profit in the areas of integration, education, training and social cohesion. They also committed specific collaborations with actors of social economy and Corporate Social Responsibility. Some CEC members are also directly involved in structures with capacity to mobilise economic, social actors at sectoral or national levels.

CEC and its members are attentive to the initiatives and policies of the European institutions in the social field, not only because the European funding is crucial for the implementation of actions and transnational innovation, but also because the development of European economic integration has a growing impact on national situations and policies orientations including in the areas of employment and social policies.

III. CEC PARTNERS

CEC partners develop and provide quality training in adequacy with the needs of the labour market as well as the learners ones. This requires from our partners' strong flexibility, permanent adaptation to the evolution of the labour market and establishment of local partnerships between the various actors responsible for training and employment. It is one of the essential means to provide a job to people engaged in a pathway to integration and specially to register them in sustainable and quality jobs.

ACFI-FIAS (*BELGIUM, WALLONIE - BRUSSELS*).

Is a pluralist and militant network which gathers about forty training centres of social and professional insertion in Wallonia and in Brussels.

These associations offer to low qualified people, the opportunity to follow training with an aim of integrating or of reinstating the labour market. During the period of training people gets time to learn a trade and also makes it possible to the trainees to build their professional projects in an autonomous and responsible way.

More information: www.acfi.be

ACTIONS INTÉGRÉES DE DÉVELOPPEMENT AID (*BELGIUM, WALLONIE - BRUSSELS*).

« AID », for Integrated Actions of Development is initially a multitude of social and professional integration projects articulated around the education and/or employment. Projects anchored in a local socio-economic and cultural environment, which want to be as experimentation of a levelling alternative development. The AID network is thus the gathering of these various initiatives around common values.

The centres federated by AID network aims to be an answer to the situations of inequalities, through concrete projects, carried by actors with and for the individuals who suffers exclusion at social, economic, political and cultural levels. The actions are carried out within the framework of socio-professional insertion through the formation and employment, but also by working with individuals at their individual and collective emancipation as active citizens.

More information: www.aid-com.be

ARGENTURA RRI (*POVAZSKA, SLOVAKIA*).

Is a private organization created in May 2005 and Agentúra already took part in various European projects.

Its objective is to propose to customers:

- σ market research and feasibility studies,
- σ council to enterprises,
- σ management, translation and translation/interpreting for European projects,
- σ training in communication, sale, marketing, staff management,
- σ decentralized co-operation and sustainable development projects,

σ project evaluation

ASSOCIATION CONVERGENCES EMPLOI CERGY (FRANCE- VAL D'OISE)

The Convergences Emploi Cergy association created in 1996 by the municipalities of the agglomeration of Cergy-Pontoise has the social purpose of working to bring economic and social back into play for those most in difficulty, especially those without paid employment for more than one year.

To fulfill this mission, the association carries out a Local Plan for Insertion and Employment (PLIE) created on the initiative of local authorities and whose governance is ensured by their elected officials, PLIE is an animation, coordination, innovation tool in the field of integration, employment and training in a defined territory, for a public that is distant from employment. The action of the PLIE contributes to the implementation of the National Operational Program of the European Social Fund for the period 2014/2020, within the objectives of promoting social inclusion and fighting poverty. They reach an average of 800 participants per year, and accompany them to quality sustainable employment through an integration path that combines, as needed, re-entry into employment. The Board of Directors of the association is composed of local and regional authorities (communes, department, and region), the public employment service, and actors in the fields of employment, integration and training.

BARKA-FUNDACIA (POZNAN, POLAND).

Barka Foundation is a non-governmental organization. Its mission is to offer support for social development of excluded groups, build conditions to enable them to rebuild their lives by creating a system of mutual help, education and entrepreneurship, in line with a citizens' society.

The objective is to create a system of support for the process of integration of excluded groups. This system includes about 5000 persons annually (gathering persons in life crises, informal groups of citizens, non-governmental organizations, representatives of the government at national and local levels).

The main task is to create a program for the development of this system in Poland, in other countries in transformation and in developing countries.

The development of the program consists on creation of Schools of Social Animation, based on experiences and knowledge of people who overcame extreme poverty and serious life difficulties, and today are able to transfer the knowledge on the mechanisms of creation and development of programs of fight against social exclusion to groups from diverse regions of Poland and Europe, in a professional way

The new Law on Social Employment and the project of Law on Social Cooperatives enable to give legal and financial support for the development of these programs in Poland.

More information: www.barka.org.pl

CDJP Centre for the Development of the Jablanica and Pcinja Districts (serbian republic)

The Centre for the Development of the Jablanica and Pcinja Districts, registered as a limited liability company, was established in November 2006 with the aim of supporting the long-term social and

economic development of the region. The Founders of the Centre were all the municipalities from districts, NGOs and business associations.

Mission

"The Centre's mission is to initiate, prepare and implement development projects on the territory of Southern Serbia thus creating a synergic effect of the joint work of all the relevant social groups and individuals and achieving the maximum effect by using the limited resources and capacities."

Vision

"The Centre's vision is to become the main coordinator of development of all the municipalities in the Jablanica and Pcinja districts, and to become recognised as such by domestic and international development institutions."

The Centre is guided in its role, function and direction by the following strategic objectives:

- σ To take the leadership role in the process of strategic planning of the development of Southern Serbia, by ensuring participation of the widest circle of institutions and individuals from the public, civic and business sectors.
- σ The systemic and rational approach will provide for the funds for implementation of the development projects and realization of the strategic priorities from the local, national and international financial resources.
- σ Gathering of all the relevant actors around regional projects.
- σ Resource of professional capacities, information and instruments for project implementation of social and economic development defined through strategic priorities.

More information: www.centarzarazvoj.org

Civitas (*Cluj, Romania*)

Created in 1992, Civitas Foundation for Civil Society is an organization which is guided by several principles such as involvement, participation and community development. They strongly believe in the power of initiative in the community and in its capacity to bring about change in people's life. This is the reason why Civitas Foundation supports rural and regional development by strengthening the civil society, public and private sectors. They use an innovative approach to the problems our community is facing; this is the reason why social innovation is one of the pillars underpinning their activities.

They are contributing to the development of Human Resources through:

- Boosting the entrepreneurship and supporting social inclusion of vulnerable groups;
- Delivery of trainings and educational activities;

Empowerment of institutional capacity for the public, private and civil society sectors:

- Providing expert services to local, regional and central authorities;
- Training in the field of public administration;
- Supporting the foundation and development of non-government organizations and other associative forms;
- Designing local development strategies and working in specialized structures for the creation of development policies

Supporting initiatives in the public, private and civil society sectors

- Supporting the initiatives coming from citizens, local action groups and encouraging active participation in the creation of public policies;
- Promoting social economy and the community-based economy;
- Providing consultancy and assistance in the field of rural development;
- Supporting the associative processes of the local authorities;
- Initiating charitable activities.

Facilitating the access to funding opportunities:

- Providing assistance and consultancy in fundraising and project management;
- Developing and implementing investments projects, feasibility studies, business plans and marketing studies, technical projects and financial audit.

For more information: <http://www.civitas.ro/>

Christliches Jugenddorfwerk Deutschlands CJD – BBW (*Frechen, Germany*)

The CJD-BBW Frechen belongs to the CJD Verbund NRW Süd/Rheinland and is part of CJD Germany, which is one of Germany’s largest social and educational organizations. Every year, it gives 155,000 young people and adults guidance and opportunities for their future. Our work is based on the Christian conception of what it means to be human, with the vision: “Let no one fall by the wayside!” CJDs mission is to empower people to make their lives successful. Since its founding in 1947, the services offered by the CJD have expanded to cover a wide range of areas: for example, it has launched programs for highly gifted individuals, projects for young offenders with open prison sentences and aftercare programs for former drug addicts and many other projects, programs. The CJD’s schools, workshops, crèches, nurseries and hostels have helped millions of people since the organization’s founding. The CJD is constantly expanding its services, especially in order to provide education and care to people who receive no other assistance.

The CJD Verbund NRW Süd/Rheinland is located on the southern region of North Rhine Westphalia. It is a cluster consisting of eight locations and does offer the following services:

- Elementary education and family education
- Child, youth and family assistance
- Academic education
- Vocational training
- Health and rehabilitation
- Work and activities
- Housing and care services

For more information : <https://www.cjd.de/service/english/>

Diopter (*Pula, Croatia*)

DIOPTEK – open university is a private institution for adult education and training with a large number of external experts. The school has been founded in 1995 and since then they had more than 20.000 students.

Diopter has high school programs and numerous trainings and educations in economy, tourism, health and agriculture, all of them verified by the Ministry of Education and Science.

All of the programs have been developed to meet the needs of labor market and they have a great experience in working with various groups of students, such as addicts, long-term unemployed people and unemployed women.

Through various activities, Diopter helps people to raise awareness of the importance of lifelong learning.

Their goal is to continue further development in the field of adult learning and education, as well as lifelong learning.

For more information: <http://www.diopter.hr/>

Dobrovita (*Ljubljana, Slovenia*)

Dobrovita d.o.o. created in 1995 is an organization that is responsible for training and assisting research and job creation for people with disabilities (handicapped or otherwise). The creator of the company is ŠENT a Slovenian mental health association.

Its objective is to provide training and adaptation to work in order to find jobs for them. This project mainly concerns people in difficulty such as people with mental health problems, people who are difficult to return to the labor market (long-term unemployed, people with disabilities, people over 50, people with little education or people at risk in terms of social exclusion).

Their goal is to make profit so that they can reinvest it in order to create new jobs to obtain and maintain a long-term professional integration for their target audience.

The company carries out gardening activities, green area maintenance services, cleaning services, maintenance work, janitorial services, and assembly of products.
For further information : <http://www.dobrovita.com/>

General Directorate of Social Assistance Child Protection - DGASPC (*Bucharest, Romania*).

DGASPC is a public institution subordinated to Local Council 1st District of Bucharest, with juridical personality, formed by the union of Public Social Assistance and Public Specialized Child Protection Services from 1st District.

They have a few directorates working in different fields:

- σ Child protection directorate
- σ Person and family protection directorate: lonely people, people with handicap, seniors, homeless and other people in needs.
- σ Economic directorate and patrimony administration.

More information: www.dgaspc-sectorul1.ro

ENSINUS *(Portugal)*

ENSINUS is the managing body of a group of business organizations entirely dedicated to education at all levels, from pre-school education to higher education, including vocational and professional education.

They have several European Projects going on – research and mobility as well. Their community (students and families, professors and staff) share the values of the international cooperation.

For further information: <http://www.ensinus.pt/>

Equa Asociacion Para la Mediacion Social Equa *(Cadix, Spain)*

EQUA (SPAIN) located in Cadiz, Andalusia founded in 1997 is a not-for-profit organization that works in the integration on the labour market of persons with intellectual disabilities.

EQUA support equal opportunities and therefore aims to integrate its public in standard work environments. EQUA is helping the disabled persons to plan and develop their own lives independently with equal opportunities with the rest of the population and improve their living conditions. EQUA uses social integration strategy with an active and independent participation of this group of people. To achieve these objectives, EQUA uses methods such as social and community mediation, actions focused on the person, employment support.

Equa attempts to cover all the needs of people with disabilities, both in the field of labour, overall support of the project of life, leisure...

Fédération des institutions et services spécialisés d'aide aux adultes et aux jeunes – FISSAAJ *(Brussels, Belgium)*

FISSAAJ is a federation of social services. While respecting the diversity of its members, FISSAAJ promotes supports and defends the interests of services for the most vulnerable groups: disabled people, socially disadvantaged people and young people.

FISSAAJ is the most important French-speaking employers' federation in the field of services to children and young people (in the francophone community) and disabled people (in Wallonia). FISSAAJ has more than 300 members.

In the field of services to young people, FISSAAJ has 82 members which are certified by the government of the francophone Community and situated in Wallonia, and which employ about 1.100 workers. In the field of assistance to children, it has 5 members (certified by the government of the francophone community and by the Walloon. Region, and situated in Wallonia), which employ about 160 workers.

One of the priorities of the federation is to promote the exchange of good practice, collaboration between federations and other institutions, as well as the creation of innovative projects related to the evolution of the society.

More information: www.fissaaj.be

Fondazione Luigi Clerici - FLC (Lombardia - Italy).

Founded in 1972, the Foundation Luigi Clerici is an organization working in the field of vocational training, assistance to find a job, continuous training for workers, and training for groups in difficulty. These activities are carried out through 15 centres operating in Lombardy Region.

To develop its activities FLC counts on the collaboration of local organizations, enterprises, associations and craft enterprises operating in Lombardy.

The Foundation proposes in particular training activities helping the industrial reconversion process.

The training offer of the Foundation is more than a simple offer of training. The Foundation takes care of the individual and social realization of the concerned person. Work is considered like a central dimension in life and as a factor of personal growth.

Trainers from various centers propose to provide the skills for personal evolution. The activities are divided into three sectors: assistance to find a job for young people (young graduates), continuing training for workers, and training for groups in difficulty (disadvantaged, immigrants...)

The activities carried out in the centres are mainly in the following sectors: new technologies (web language, web designer...), industry/production (mechanical, electrical and metallurgical industry), and administration (general secretariat, of direction, production and accounting). And also: deepening of foreign languages, aesthetics courses, hairdressing, health assistance, collective catering, pastry, photography, safety on work...

More information: www.clerici.lombardia.it

Integrity Consulting (Sofia, Bulgaria).

Founded in 2003 Integrity is a consultancy centre for enterprises know and recognised...

Through its subsidiaries and related companies Integrity Consulting deals with the consultancy of local markets in Macedonia, Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Montenegro.

The main consultation services provided are:

Development, execution and management of projects under programmes funded by the structural funds of the European Union;

Elaboration, adoption and re-engineering of management systems in compliance with the international standards ISO, OHSAS, BS, GMP, IFS, etc.;

Organization of specialized trainings, seminars and other training and information activities;

Specialized research, analyses, strategies, investigations and evaluations on specific subjects.

INTEGRITY Consulting European project experience is broad. Over the past decade, INTEGRITY took part in the development, implementation and management of hundreds of projects in almost all the EU funds (INTERREG, IPA, PHARE, ERASMUS+...)

Integrity also cooperates with municipalities and Bulgarian companies, public administration and NGOs for the development and management of its projects.

More information: <http://www.integritybg.com>

KEM-RVA (*Komaron, Hungary*)

KEM-RVA is a foundation created in 1992 by approximately 30 organizations to assist economic development in the region of Komarom (north-western of Hungary) promoting new businesses or existing businesses. KEM - RVA promotes, by granting micro-credits and management tools, the establishment of enterprises for marginalized audiences. KEM - RVA has already participated in INTERREG and GRUNDTVIG projects.

More information: www.kem-hvk.hu

Medialys (*Lyon, France*)

Médialys is an association law 1901, created in May 2006 at the initiative of the State, SYTRAL, Keolis Lyon and "Grand Lyon". Its aims is to make public and private actors working together involved in the life of the TCL/TER network (local & regional public transport), organizations and personalities devoted on "Grand Lyon" territory to integration actions and return to employment, economic and social actors of the territory, including businesses, strengthening the social link and the employability of disadvantaged public, by actions conducted around the TCL / TER network.

It has a double objective: contribute to the professionalization and access to employment for young people without qualifications, job seekers and long-term unemployed people or beneficiaries of minimum social benefits.

Humanize and improve the functioning of the T.C.L, network allowing a better integration the social network, reduce non-compliance with the rules, combating fraud and this through implementing the rising door front and the Preventive Security Audit.

Médialys is committed to recruit and hire in single integration contract people facing difficulties of employability, eligible for the measure and resident throughout the entire agglomeration of Lyon.

The association:

- σ Recruits agents and manages contracts,
- σ Offers a socio-professional support
- σ Initiate individual and collective training in the professional integration pathway,
- σ Coaches and manage on a daily basis on the work employed agents and ensures the operational link with partners (Keolis Lyon, KPMR, Veolia Transport)
- σ Reports the operating process, including the results in terms of access to sustainable employment.

Since July 1, 2011, Medialys also provides support to persons with reduced mobility on the TCL network. For more information: www.medialys.Asso.fr

Mesogeiaiko Mek SA (*Greece*)

Established in 2000 MESOGEDIAKO MEK SA is a company offering counselling and vocational training services to individuals who are: Unemployed, threatened by Social Exclusion, employed but in search

of better prospects through training and professional development, in transition with respect to their education and career

They offer a wide range of training programs often implemented in co-operation with education and labour authorities in Greece, such as the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Labour and their agencies, OAED - Manpower Employment Organization (the Hellenic National Agency for Employment) and Local Administration authorities in all thirteen administrative regions in the country. They have centres in Athens, Thessaloniki, Serres, Heraklion-Crete, Ioannina, Samos, Lesbos and Limnos.

MESOGIAKO develops education and training programs on an on-going basis and updates its methodologies, teaching materials and educational tools to best respond to the training needs of the learners. It has formed partnerships with VET centres in Cyprus, Bulgaria and Romania.

MESOGIAKO is very active in education and training for entrepreneurs and social entrepreneurs.

More information: www.mesogeiaiko.gr

Pro Vocatie (*Romania*)

PRO VOCATIE is a successfully NGO, created in 2002 that created the first Assessment Centre of Competences for Occupations in Romanian social field.

Mission: Facilitating the access at the certification of personnel's competences, obtained on other ways than the formal ones, personnel that activates in social field, in order to diversify the opportunities in their professional career.

Objective: After the candidates' assessment, C.R.F.P.S. PRO VOCATIE issues graduation or qualification certificates that give certification for the acquire competences according to the occupational standards.

More information: www.provocatie.ro

Santa Casa da Misericórdia de Lisboa – SCML (*Lisboa, Portugal*)

Is the national largest private organization that pursues in a humanitarian way objectives of social action, provision of health care, education and culture, and the promotion of the quality of life, particularly for the benefit of those in greater need of protection.

In the pursuit of its objectives SCML:

- Has establishments and services in each of the areas of the city of Lisbon to provide directly the fulfilment of social needs;
- Carry out socio-economic studies, research actions and social surveys among the population;
- develops a social work in the areas of: childhood, youth, family and community, and elderly people;
- Has a teaching establishment and training centers;
- Has two hospitals and health services;
- Cooperate with all the entities (national and international) which pursue similar attributions.

For further information: www.scml.pt

Scuola Centrale Formazione - SCF (*Italy*)

SCF is a national no-profit training organization, recognized by the Italian Ministry of Labour 40 years ago. SCF brings together 44 members based in 11 regions for about 100 vocational training centres and 2.156 employees providing over 16 million hours of training per year.

Its aim is to create a favourable environment for the exchange of best practices between its increasing members; this allows proposing effective responses to social and professional issues.

To pursue this goal, it organizes and supports counselling, training and support measures towards the job market.

SCF also offers services to make its associates' training offer increasingly competitive in line with the needs of beneficiaries.

This offer includes initial, continuous and/or long-life learning training that specifically target:

- Training of young people;
- Training and integration into the labour market of adults who lose their jobs, as well as disadvantaged or disabled people.

More information: www.scformazione.org

Sud Concept (*France – Corse*)

Sud concept Cooperative is a training and research consultancy centre specialized in employment problems intervening in the establishment and setting up of training and studies for public in employment research or in a integration process and especially young persons.

The cooperative is also implementing information campaigns, awareness, guidance, balance, evaluation in the fields of employment, training, groups facing integration problems. It conducts studies in training and projects engineering, strategic territory diagnostics and evaluation of public policies.

Since its conception in 2008, Sud concept Cooperative has implemented many actions promoting the development of employment and employees' qualification, in order to anticipate and accompany economic and social change of territories. Through the realization of studies, the conduct of projects and development and communication, it has developed an expertise in territorial animation and diagnosis of territories.

Sud Concept is based in Corsica. Antennas exist also in the South of France, Guiana and Guadeloupe.

More information: www.sudconcept.eu

Fundacio Privada TRINIJOVE (*Barcelona, Spain*).

Trinijove begin its activities in the field of training and job placement in 1985. During this time, we they have worked actively in the design and implementation of innovative programs and measures in order to overcome the situations of social exclusion.

Their action is based on the following key principles:

- . Ensure the gratuity of all the services and resources
- . Take a holistic approach combining information, education, professional integration and leisure time.
- . Support the territorial perspective which implies working to meet the needs of each specific territory in terms of social and professional inclusion of socially marginalized groups
- . Manage joint projects through our networks in Catalonia, Spain and Europe.

Trinijove Foundation's work is based on the following two elements:

1. The joint collaboration with people, institutions and companies' sensitive to social problems, including:
 - . Government of Catalonia (Departments of Enterprise and Employment, Justice, Social Welfare and Family of Planning and Sustainability and the general secretary of Youth),
 - . City of Barcelona (Barcelona Activa and the Municipal
 - . Council of the District of St. Andrew),
 - . Obra Social "la Caixa".

2. The belief that social and professional integration of young people, women and long-term unemployed will be effective only if it is including economic integration Trinijove don't want to give aid, training or employment from a cyclical view, but from a view of process tending to empower people.

Trinijove currently extends its social object, in developing the solidarity economy as a company of insertion in Catalonia, offering a range of services for the sole purpose of providing employment to the more disadvantaged people.

In order to give employment to the more socially disadvantaged people, including people suffering from mental, physical and/or sensory disabilities Trinijove has created in 2004 a "Centre for labour". In accordance with the requirements of organizational functioning and management of projects, Trinijove is certified EMAS (Eco-Management and Audit Scheme).

Since September 2009, Trinijove launched jointly with the Ministry of labour, the "plan of work for Equal Opportunities between men and women" who promotes equality of opportunity in employment.

More information: www.trinijove.org

T.T. Center of Education and Vocational Training of Larnaca Ltd (Cyprus)

The Centre for education and professional training of Larnaca in Cyprus, "T.T. Center of Education and Vocational Training of Larnaca Ltd", international brand named TECHNICAL TRAINING CYPRUS LTD, has as its foundation purpose the organization, coordination, execution, management of any kind or professional training, educational training (including research and study of relevant activities). The Centre of Education and Vocational Training of Larnaca has as its purpose to ensure the highest quality and maximum efficiency in the services it provides. The Center of Education and Vocational Training of Larnaca, is it position to contribute substantially to the socio-economic development, promoting employment, activation of human resources, improving the quality of life across the island of Cyprus and lastly to contribute to the environmental awareness of citizens.

Uni-Est (Lyon, France)

UNI-EST is an associative structure of 42 employees, created in 1992, at the initiative of the communes of Lyon East. It led numerous actions, in relying on a partner network, in order to allow access to employment of youth and adults publics of the greater Lyon. It thus accompanies each year

near 5100 people enrolled in the “Plan Local pour l’Insertion et l’Emploi” (PLIE) and helps them building their professional pathways by offering them targeted training, work situations, activities promoting the mobility and facilitating childcare.

To this end, it seeks to ensure that its action is articulated with that of economic actors. UNI-EST so offers a large range of services to enterprises from recruitment to human resources, strategy consulting, management training

More information: www.plie-uni-est.org

IV. CEC OPERATING METHODOLOGY

The training and advice methods used by the CEC partner organisations can be summed up as follows:

- Individual assessment of each person’s aspirations and aptitudes, allowing for the development of a personalised training and insertion programme
- Alternation of training sessions in small work groups and within companies
- Skills acquisition through technical workshops
- The development of social and administration skills through improved reasoning, literacy and numeracy
- Personal psychological and social support
- Familiarisation with new information and communication technologies
- Work placements
- Monitoring of assessments and achievements
- Partnerships with the business sector with a view to matching supply and demand for the social and professional integration of the persons concerned
- Support into and during employment (job coaching, assessment, tutoring)
- Official public recognition and certification of the training processes provided by the not-for-profit sector
- Evaluation and long life training for employees in social cooperatives and enterprises

V. CEC ACTIVITIES

The activities of the CEC and its secretariat are mainly geared to the following objectives:

- Liaison between CEC member organisations: regular contact with member organisations either at their offices or in Brussels
- Liaison with European Commission departments for CEC member organisations (meetings, preparation and follow up of tendered projects). The CEC accompanies its members in meetings with Commission departments and takes charge of the follow up
- Development of joint projects between CEC members, particularly those that fall within the framework of various Community or Commission programmes
- Reflective seminars on European Community themes
- Constant monitoring of European Commission initiatives and invitations to tender
- European umbrella organisation, as requested by the Commission regarding the ever more numerous Community Initiatives that require the participation of several countries to be eligible, as well as taking charge of administration of coordinating with the Commission departments and meetings between relevant partners for the development of tenders
- Lobbying European institutions to get the social entrepreneurship sector recognised within the EU
- Research carried out in collaboration with CEC partners
- Contact with the European social partners (trade unions, employers) with a view to better integrate the targeted groups into the labour market
- Foster interactive reflection among CEC partners (e.g.: social protection, employment, European Strategy 2020 - Lifelong Learning Programme...)
- Participation to the think-tank CEC-CET focused on social European policy.

A. PROJECTS

A.1. Erasmus + Action Key 2: Strategic partnership – “ATOMS&CO” (01.10.17-31.09.19)

The aims of the project:

Develop and implement a system of school hooking centred on the inclusion of families.

- Define the needs of families and ground actors through the development of an inventory,
- Promote synergies between families, schools and welfare actors (help for young people, public services, etc.) in order to reduce the risk of dropping out of school and / or improve their success,
- Improve dialogue with families by making the meaning and challenges of schooling and the functioning of the school system more understandable,
- Develop a transnational scheme corresponding to identified needs, test and adapt it,
- To equip the actors on the ground in order to take into account the family factors in the support of dropout students.

Target groups:

The ATOMS & Co project will target two specific groups:

- Families with particular attention to those at risk of dropping out of pupils aged 6 to 18 years.
- Schools and actors of social assistance (Youth aid, public services, etc.)

Main forecasted results of ATOMS & Co:

- Identify and compare existing field practices for the involvement of families,
- Involve families in the activities of the project and in particular in the design and validation of the system aimed at strengthening the partnership between families - schools - social welfare actors (AAJ, public services, etc.),
- Design and development of a system (training, methodological guide, teaching resources and tools),
- Train ground actors to the device,
- Organisation of national and transnational events

Promotor: FISSAAJ (Belgium)

Partners: Comité Européen de Coordination (Belgique); Alma Mater Studiorum – University of Bologna (Italie); Associazione Gio.net (Italie); Fundacio Privada Trinijove (Espagne); Fundacio Escoles Parroquials – L’Esperança (Espagne).

For more information, check the website : www.atomsandco.eu

This project was selected and financed in October 2017.

A.2. Erasmus+ Action Key 2 Strategic partnership: Project CAVA “Competences for Added Value Agro-food Micro-Productions: Entrepreneurial Development in Rural Areas” (01.09.4 – 31.08.17)

The project is centred on tourism and catering - agribusiness and aims at enhancing the agro-food product and typical gastronomic culture as areas of business development and job growth.

The project works on entrepreneurial skills (creativity, spirit of initiative and entrepreneurship) and technical-vocational competences in the agro-food sector. This promoting the qualification of food micro-processing and the transfer of competences between different cultures and generations as a mean for differentiation of productive activities and for the sustainability of rural economy and tourism related to the promotion of local products, in the perspective of a balanced development of the territory. The project was created by a group of organisations (CEFAL, SCF, AZRRI: agency for rural development of Istrian region, Istrian region) in continuity with an experience of collaboration between Italy and Croatia started in 2006.

It aims at the valorisation of typical products and local gastronomy culture as ambit for entrepreneurial development and occupational growth through promotion/qualification of production processing, integrated marketing and creation of food-supply-chains and enhancement of food.

General objectives:

- Strengthen the exchange of knowledge, innovation, resources and practice between vocational training system and labour market.
- Contribute to increase the social inclusion and employment, also thanks to the enhancement of capacity and entrepreneurial spirit of young and adult people in rural and peri-urban areas in particular in the sectors of agriculture, tourism, catering, trade and territorial animation.

Target groups:

- Agriculture sector: farms, products production consortia, agro-food chains.
- Education system: tourism and catering schools.
- Hospitality sector: agro-tourism, didactic farms, restaurants, hotels.

The final seminar of the project was held in Firlimpopoli (Italy) on June 28, 2017 at Casa Di Artusi during the festival "Festa Artusiana, Cultura & Tavola". Seminar in which project partners and local government representatives emphasized the importance of the value and production quality of local products as well as the employment opportunities that this sector generates at the local level.

Promotor: CEFAL EMILIA ROMAGNA (It) - Partners: AZRRI (Hr), CASA ARTUSI (It) - SCF (It) - CEC (Be) - LUNCA – (Ro) - DOT – (Pl) - ETCHARRY (F).

The end-of-project seminar was held in Forlimpopoli (Italy) on June 28 2017 at the Casa di Artusi during the festival "Festa Artusiana & Tavola". Seminar in which project partners and local government representatives emphasized the importance of valorization and quality of production of local products and the job opportunities that this sector generates at the local level.

For more information: <http://cavapro.weebly.com/>

A.3. Collaborative Partnerships in Sport Erasmus+ “3SP: Special Sports for Special People” (01.01.16 – 31.12.17).

Project objectives: Design and Pilot Educational actions relating to:

- A. Education to healthy lifestyles (sport as physical activity for health and primary prevention) with particular attention to disadvantaged groups with fewer opportunities in the access and practice of sport.
- B. Sensitization on the value of sport and physical activity and promotion of sport for social inclusion for disadvantaged persons (sports for all).

On October 26, 2017 the final seminar of the project, "Let's play together, let's feel good", took place at Club Cierrebi in Bologna. The youth and their facilitators participated in physical activities, all proudly wearing their yellow t-shirt, symbol of the 3SP project and the day. In parallel to the organized sports activities for young people and trainers, a conference on the benefits of sport took place during which the project, its objectives and especially its results were explained. As a reminder, the 3SP project developed 3 pedagogical kits, supported by a methodological guide and manuals presenting about 80 flexible activities that do not require any particular infrastructure that can be realized in a class and provided by teachers with no experience in the matter. These kits are now available on the project website in Italian and English. The 3 kits are: "Body & Sport", "Soul & Sport and Brain", "Heart & Sport".

Promotor: Scuola Centrale Formazione

Partners: Fondazione Casa di Carità Arti e Mestieri onlus, Ente Nazionale Canossiano -ENAC (IT), Christisches Jugenddorfwer Frechen (D), Coleg Cambira in Wrexham (UK), Generalitat de Catalunya – Dpt d’Ensenyament (ES), City of Pula (HR), CEC (BE).

For further information, check the website : <https://project3sp.wordpress.com/>

A.4 Europe For citizen programme – “EU.cool” (October 2017 – March 2019)

The aim is to fight against euroscepticism, to raise awareness of the added value of European citizenship, to neutralize clichés and misleading speech by bringing political knowledge about European citizenship.

How?

By using a tool of participation, expression and dialogue and by disseminating it as much as possible for cooperation between citizens and institutions.

Target: Young people in social integration and their supervisors/trainers as well as citizens in sensitive areas.

Work methods:

- Preparatory phase: 400 questionnaires / monitoring committee / animation teams
- National and transnational seminars: put European citizenship in debate, suggest steps for change. Invest a participatory tool and question the future of the EU.
- Thematic conference: "Citizenship vs Euroscepticism"
- Institutional Round Table (generating political initiatives)
- Closing conference (broadcaster the results, evaluate the action)

- Diffusion: (press, publications, video, social networks, streaming ...)
- Development of a guide to citizenship for the actors of vocational training, social integration and lifelong education.

Qualitative impacts: Openly dealing with euroscepticism and citizenship, initiate a great debate on democracy, citizen aspirations. Organizer of discussions on institutional and democracy in unusual places, bringing the citizen closer to the EU.

Promotor : ACFI (Be)

Partners: CEC (Be), Klimaka (Gr), Pro Vocatie (Ro), Scuola Centrale Formazione (It), Bonnevie (Be), Femmes Actives (Be), ESOPÉ (Be) et Le monde des possibles (Be).

For further information, check: <http://eucool.eu/>

This project was selected and financed in October 2017.

A.5 Erasmus+ Strategic partnership: Project “Pave the Way to a social entrepreneurship” (01.10.17 – 31.09.19)

The aims of the project

This project aims to improve entrepreneurial skills through specific and user friendly analysis and guidelines and through development of online learning platform, which will simulate a working business. Thus, adult workers’ skills will be increased and diversified in the field of guidance, training, work placement and business creation.

The main objective of the project is to increase entrepreneurship in Europe by:

- Strengthen cooperation between the organizations from different EU countries
- Improving the quality and relevance of entrepreneurial education through an innovative approach using non-formal learning tools;
- Promote the development of entrepreneurial skills through development of specific guidelines and online learning platform;
- Provision of mentoring tools to those who wish to become social entrepreneurs

Target group Low-skilled adults

Main forecasted results of Pave the Way

- A guideline for the working model
- A Learning Platform
- Train ground actors
- Organisation of national multiplier events and transnational meetings

Promoteur : Gis-Transfercenter Foundation (Bulgaria)

Partners : Comité Européen de Coordination (Belgium) ; Fondazione Luigi Clerici (Italy) ; FIAS-ACFI (Belgium) ; Technical Training Bulgaria Ltd (Bulgaria) ; Fundacio Privada Trinijove (Spain).

This project was selected and financed in October 2017.

A.6 Erasmus + KA2 Strategic partnerships: Pédagogie de Chantier 2

Based on a revised pedagogical approach, the partnership sets itself the following objectives:

- Encourage and promote collaborative approaches and educational alliances aimed at reducing early school leaving at the local level
- (Re) define the training paths to the evolution of the labour market and the needs of companies and territories through the methodological approach of the learning by doing pedagogy which represents an opportunity to link learning, citizenship and development of the territories
- Support the educational achievements of young people with the contribution of representatives of the business world
- Create a reference framework for the assessment of competences mobilized by the Experiences of the learning by doing pedagogy, in particular the transversal competences, which are recognized as well as fundamental competences for the professional integration, citizenship and well-being of the individual (EACEA 2010-2012).
- Formulate the learning outcomes of the training courses proposed by the project through the tool ECVET.

Project leader : Etudes et Chantiers Corsica (Fr)

Partners: M-PROMEX, s.r.o. (Sk), UNIBO (IT), CEC (Be), CEFAL (It), N.KLEISOURA & SIA OE (G)

This project was not retained.

A.7 Erasmus + KA2 Strategic partnerships: Collective & Youth Social Entrepreneurs in Europe: Networking for Employment, Training and Education - CYSEE

The purpose of this project is to provide structural support to the CEC for the year 2017 by exchanging best practices and working groups and seminars in order to:

1. Promote youth employment through skills-building activities through non-formal education
2. Promote the inclusion of disadvantaged youth.

Project leader: SUD CONCEPT (Fr)

Partners: EQUA & Trinijove (Sp), ACFI-FIAS (Be), Fondazione Clerici (It), CEC (Be)

This project was not accepted.

A8. Erasmus + KA3 Support for Policy Reform - Partnerships between VET Institutions and Businesses on Work-Based Learning and Learning: ARCA

Partnerships between VET institutions and enterprises on work-based learning and learning.

Italy and Spain are among the OECD countries with the highest NEETs. In both Galicia and Puglia, the youth unemployment rate is a major problem. Measures to improve the economic structure through training and vocational integration of young people are needed. Dual training can be a solution, but its implementation is mainly in the industrial sector, while the economy in Italy and Spain is based on the service sector. The percentage of students participating in dual training is still very low. SMEs often do not have the capacity to implement dual training because they do not have adequate tutors.

To meet these challenges, partners will develop and implement new structures for cooperation in sustainable VET partnerships, based on an assessment of skills needs in the food sector (restaurants, agribusiness and hospitality).

The target groups are young learners (aged 15-29), food and beverage companies, restaurants, confectioners, agro-food processing and agricultural sectors. will use its associative structures to involve young learners and companies in the project.

Project partners : Federation EFA Galicia (SP), Conselleria de Política, social xunta de Galicia (Sp), Asociacion de empresarios, Terra de Melide-centro comercial ABE (Sp), Rete di Imprese Polo-Tecnico professionale agri-polo (It) , Regione de Puglia (It), Camera di comercio di Foggia (It), CEC (BE)

Ce projet n'a pas été retenu.

A.9 Europe for Citizen: SMART

The goal is to spread Memory and Awareness on the Rome Treaty and the added-value of the European Union for the Citizens.

Project Leader: Municipality of Vasto (It)

Partners: CEC (Be), Municipality and Comune di Vasto (It), ACFI-FIAS (Be)

This project was not retained.

A.10 Erasmus + KA3 Support for Policy Reform- Initiatives for Policy Innovation European forward-looking cooperation project in the fields of education and training – UP4JOBS.

UP4JOBS is a KA3 project focused on acquisition of basic skills for low-skilled adults (LSA). It aims at contributing to innovative policy making and stakeholders' empowerment in this area and has the following objectives:

- To review current practices and policies;
- To compare models of intervention and extract good practice elements;
- To propose a modular model of intervention, putting the adult learner at the center of the upskilling strategy and integrating measures of social inclusion and professional integration;

- To establish evaluation criteria and indicators for each module of the intervention logics and build a prototype of Benchmarking System (BMS) to be used by project partners and stakeholders;
- To test, validate and review the BMS, and promote its use by policy makers and other stakeholders;
- To evaluate and review the whole exercise according to a Quality Assurance approach;
- To disseminate project results and create a community of practice around the BMS, including policy makers and relevant stakeholders.

UP4JOBS lasts 30 months and is articulated in a preparation phase (data collection and analysis), a development phase (identification of indicators and design of BMS), a validation phase for the BMS and a dissemination phase including the development of policy recommendations. It contains innovative elements in methodological, cultural, organizational and institutional terms, it will produce tangible results (an online BM tool and guidelines) and, as a whole, proposes an integrated and evidence-supported approach to policy making in the upskilling of LSA. UP4JOBS partners are important networks of training organizations, well established in their national policy shaping context as respected and competent stakeholders: the presence of social partners' organizations at the EU level guarantees the capacity to contribute to policy making at European level.

This project was not selected.

A11. EASI “ENELSSIE”: European NETwork of Local Strategies for Social Inclusion & Employment.

EASI call for projects for the establishment of four-year partnership framework agreements with European networks of NGOs active in the fields of social inclusion and the fight against poverty.

The action aims at enhancing the CEC contribution to the EU social inclusion and employment policies and the EU social rights Pillar. Building on the longstanding grassroots experience of its members and partners, especially for the integration of low skilled young people, CEC wants to put the emphasis on three mutually reinforcing dimensions of inclusion policies:

1. The need to combine social and professional integration in active inclusion pathways and strategies,
2. The need for mobilizing actors and institutions in local partnerships anchored in territorial contexts
3. The need for public policies to address the future of low skills jobs and low skilled people.

Throughout the 4-year partnership agreement, three Thematic Groups will work on these three dimensions and confront their findings within the network as a whole, and with relevant public and private partners, with a view to draw the lessons of the experience of their members, confront their analysis of policies, identify and disseminate good practice, make the best use of EU initiatives and orientations and discuss how to improve their relevance and added value. To this end, the action will combine capacity-building, policy analysis, peer-learning, networking, drafting of practical guides or policy proposals, and awareness raising. Its main results will be the increased capacity to support and contribute to the design and implementation of EU policies and an improved quality and performance of the support to people exposed to social exclusion.

This project was not selected, but CEC strongly believed that the themes included in this project are priority issues for the EU. The CEC think tank will work on these issues in 2018 in order to come up with proposals for policy recommendations and ideas for European projects to be sent to the European institutions.

B. SEMINARS

B.1. Seminar of 3SP- Special Sport for Special People project - the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) in Brussels on 17th May 2017.

The 3SP project brings together several transnational partners: Altéo Sport (Be), Italian Sport Committee - CSI, Casà di Carità, ENAC (It), Generalitat de Catalunya (Sp), Municipality of Pula (Hr), CJD (De) Colleg of Cambria (UK) and CEC (Be).

These countries work together to promote physical activity for the development of a healthier way of life, to reinforce and / or develop the role of sport in the training and education of young people, especially from disadvantaged backgrounds disability.

During this seminar the first results and educational kits were presented as well as the organization of a round table "Promotion of sport as a vector of inclusion for adolescents and vulnerable people".

Link to have more information: <http://www.cecاسبل.org/en/component/content/article/25-home/news/351-3sp-event-in-brussels>

B.2. “Is there a future for low skilled work in Europe?” at the EESC on 9th June 2017.

At present, we are in a Europe which is doubtful of its future, and we can only note an increase in social exclusion and poverty, an increase in social inequalities, in the face of the incapacity of the European institutions and the Member States to provide concrete responses to job-creating economic stimulus and social cohesion through effective social security systems and redistributors of well-being.

The demand for work is clearly oriented towards skilled work for reasons related to the globalization of the economy, its tertiarization and economic progress.

So the question has become how to improve the position of the unskilled? Beyond the importance of the level of education of the family, it is especially important to invest in programs that increase the basic skills of adults.

It has indeed become a necessity to make even poorly qualified workers acquire essential skills essential for economic growth. Concrete examples of skills training schemes have been cited, such as the Walloon skills centers where skills are being increased, the Cité des Métiers in synergy with Forem, the Training Centers. alternately based on an alternation between training, education and resocialization. The central point of this discussion was to emphasize that training and education cannot be dissociated from the economy and the needs of business and must be geared to economic growth. The lesson to be learned will be to find solutions that will be more effective if they are local and to lay the groundwork for thinking about options for dealing with a change that is not well mastered.

Unfortunately, one of the difficulties encountered is the "time" factor in the sense of sustainability / durability of projects over time, knowing that behind the clock, there is first the question of the pattern and pace of funding to be granted to public and private actors of the insertion but also another dimension: that of the sufficient time required to carry out actions adapted to the acquisition and the increase of the competences of people suffering from a deficit in cognitive capacities and that of the long time stabilized insertion into work which remains fundamentally a value of social recognition.

For more information: <http://www.cecasbl.org/en/seminars/371-is-there-a-future-for-the-low-skilled-work-in-europe>

B.3. European Seminar “Social Rights, Integration and Inclusion in the labour market” at EESC on 19th & 20th June 2017.

On the 19/06/17 a panel of experts composed by Jean-Paul Tricart, European Commission, Paul Windey, President of Conseil National du Travail and Claire Courteille, Director of Office of the ILO in Brussels, have presented the content and state of the art of the European Pillar of Social Rights and of the Belgian social partners and ILO’ point of views. ILO is glad that the E.C. has launched this initiative after 10 years of absence of the social front. But both CNE and ILO underlined that the nature of the 20 principles were too weak and the implementation by the Members states will be very limited.

The seminar on the 20/06/17 began by recalling the background of the creation of the European Social Rights Foundation and the current status of this initiative, notably the results of the public consultation launched by the European Commission on this subject but also the report of the European Parliament. The need for more effective existing tools was highlighted by several speakers (TEU, TFEU, Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU, European Social Charter, ILO recommendations ...).

An insight of the Pillar, on the one hand, of the revised European Social Charter and, on the other hand, of the ILO's initiatives and the declaration on social justice, was given.

The debate on the future of social rights in Europe, from the social partners’ perspectives allowed to confront several points of view. Some speakers called for a strengthening of the Social Rights Pillar which must be accompanied by a program of actions and recognize the importance of sectoral collective bargaining. Others think that it is necessary to stay focus on the existing texts without bringing new instruments.

For those, the Pillar must be a framework adapted by concrete measures specific to the reality of each Member State and it is for each state to determine the level of collective bargaining it wishes to privilege.

Generally speaking, doubts were expressed about the ability to make the rights set out in the effective Pillar, and its legal impact. It is, however, undeniable that the foundation created expectations that must be realized. In this process, important opposition forces will have to be taken into account, in particular by some new European Member States.

Access to employment and equal opportunities were discussed, in particular aspects of education, training and lifelong learning. The right to a decent wage as an element to be replaced at the heart of the European social dimension has been defended, while others have opposed the setting of a European minimum wage.

The seminar also allowed us to review the different steps that have led to the construction of the European Social Rights Platform since the beginning of the European Union. It also highlighted two concrete projects of vocational training and integration. It was concluded that the foundation is an opportunity to reaffirm the links between the economic dimension and the social dimension. It is a step and not a culmination. Social Europe must not be synonymous of a single system, but forms of social competition must be avoided. Steps have yet to be taken, whether in terms of workers' mobility, convergence (with a minimum wage in each state, and a reference level), and solidarity (with a Euro zone budget coupled with a mechanism macroeconomic stabilization and social protection).

B.4. DO YOUR MOB 2017 – 29-30/11/2017 – JOB&Orienta Fair at Verona Fiera

As part of the 30th anniversary of Erasmus programme, Scuola Centrale Formazione promotes & organized the 6th edition of the DO your MOB event on the theme of transnational mobility for learning.

This conference made it possible to present the results of European research and some concrete examples of promotion to the internationalization of the vocational training system.

This year, the focus has been on the relationship between mobility and work-based learning. The analysis of this relationship takes place because of the following needs:

- Adopting an accreditation system for the enterprises which realize excellent and recognizable measures to promote work based learning;
- Adopting a method for treatment of soft skills in mobility according with the New Skills Agenda of the European Commission (2016) and the research about international hidden competences of CIMO (2014);
- Introduce the transnational mobility within the Italian dual system for VET through the encouragement of the regional politics;
- Promoting an informal network of regional authorities for the recognition of the transnational work experience within the formal VET pathways;
- Promoting the transnational mobility of youths with special needs in order to increase social inclusion and autonomy of disabled people.

C. THINK-TANK CEC - CET

Think tank members have mainly worked on the organization of the 2 seminars "Social rights integration and inclusion in the labour market", "Is there a future for low-skilled work in Europe?" and the follow-up of the works on the European Social Rights Platform.

As a reminder, the basic objective is to define a number of key principles underlying the proper functioning of an equitable labor market and social production systems.

In its reply the CEC stressed the following points:

- To broaden access to the labor market, education must focus on the needs of this innovative market by promoting structural partnerships between schools, civil service organizations, enterprises, civil society and the social partners.

- Particular emphasis should be placed on the behavioral skills of individuals and their technical skills
- As regards social protection, the CEC / CET states that tools to combat discrimination and inequality must be provided.
- The demand for a clear commitment on the ground has demanded respect for social and economic standards and standards as well as for international human rights standards such as the European Social Charter and the International Pact on economic, social and cultural rights.

For more information, check CEC's website: <http://www.cecabl.org/en/think-tank/336-consultation-on-the-european-pillar-of-social-rights>

D. COLLABORATION CEC/CSR EUROPE

CEC is one of the 50 structures among companies, civil society organizations, European Commission, Parliament and European Council to support the European Pact for youth launched by CSR Europe in November.

This Pact brings together representatives of business, education and training bodies representing youth sectors and has for objectives:

- To increase the employment and inclusion of young people with as an objective to reach by February 2017 at least 100,000 apprenticeships, internships or job creation,
- To reduce the skills shortage by creating 10,000 business/education partnerships.
- To contribute to European and national policies through the national action plans.

CEC proposes, in this context, that 5% of the 100. 000 apprenticeships, internships and job creation are intended for vulnerable groups. CEC will work in 2016 to the creation of partnerships between CSR Europe businesses and CEC members to meet this objective.

E. EUROPEAN ALLIANCE FOR APPRENTICESHIPS (EAFA)

Participation in the meetings of the European Alliance for Apprenticeships organized by DG Employment allowing us to be part of a European experts' network working on apprenticeships, real advantage to strengthen our commitment in this area and also the employment of young people.

F. SOCIAL ECONOMY INTERGROUP OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Participation in the meetings of the Social Economy Intergroup of the European Parliament allowing is to meet MEPs (more than 80) E.C., EESC and COR representatives supporting this group as well as regional, national and European actors, and representatives of the social economy based on our analyses and initiatives, practices and experiences of our members, promoting the development and financing of this sector in Europe.

G. TRANSNATIONAL ESF PLATFORM

Since the end of 2017, CEC has participated in the Transnational ESF Platform organized by DG Employment, in which most of the national ESF agencies and representatives of the employment ministries of the Member States participate. The CEC is invited by the European Commission to share its experience in the field of long-term unemployment and presentation of good practices by our members in this area.

Our participation allows the CEC to have a better visibility and a force of proposal to the C.E. on this topic.

VIII. CEC PERSPECTIVES IN 2018

A. PROJECTS

A.1 Europe for Citizens programme – “VOTE4EUROPE?”

The CEC will apply under the Europe for Citizens program to promote European citizenship and improve the conditions for civic and democratic participation of young people with low qualifications at Union level and in particular to encourage young people to participate in the European Parliament elections in May 2019.

Partenariat : CEC (Belgium), ACFI FIAS (Belgium), Trinirove (Spain), Civitas (Romania), CIJ (Corse, France), Barka (Poland).

A.2 Erasmus + Sport program

The CEC will participate in a project aimed at promoting the integration of people with special needs living in precarious situations in working life. The project will be submitted by German partners C.J.D. The role of the CEC will be to work on the dissemination of results and the qualitative management of the project.

A.3 Erasmus + Strategic partnership. “Non-formal and Informal Learning

European Validation Network.

This project will be carried out by Fondazione Casa di Carità Arti e Mestieri and will aim to develop transparency and recognition of non-formal and informal skills with a view to promoting apprenticeship, employment and professional mobility of migrants.

The CEC will participate in the evaluation and dissemination of project results.

B. CEC REFLECTION GROUP

The CEC think-tank will propose political lines written on the basis of members' field experiences in order to make proposals to the European institutions for the improvement of public policies in favor of training and socio-professional integration of excluded or distant people of the labor market.

IX. CEC EXPANSION IN 2018

The year 2017 saw on one hand the arrival of 5 new partners: CJD (Germany), CIVITAS (Romania), Diopter (Croatia), Ensinus and Santa Casa Misericordia di Lisboa (Portugal) and on the other the departure of DGASPC (Romania) and British partners of Strood Community project LTD, one of the consequences of BREXIT.

The CEC also calls upon its members to propose partners in the following countries: **IE, DK, FI, NL, AT, CZ, EE, LV, MT** and **LT**.