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CAPABILITIES, OPPORTUNITIES, PLACES AND ENGAGEMENT

IMPLEMENTING AND EVALUATING AN INTEGRATED INTERVENTION FOR SOCIAL INCLUSION OF YOUNGSTERS

WHAT IS **COPE?**

C.O.P.E. is a project funded by the European Commission under EaSI (European Programme for Employment and Social Innovation), dedicated to the health and social inclusion of NEETs, young people excluded from training, study and employment, running from January 2022 to December 2023, with the involvement of 7 partners from 4 different European countries.

WHY **C.O.P.E.?**

COPE recognises that young people (15-29 years old) who are not working, not in full time education and not attending training (NEET) face a complex mix of health and social issues that prevent them from accessing employment opportunities. In order to support these young people into employment, a comprehensive, personalised and flexible intervention is needed.
This is where a link worker can provide motivational support and access to a variety of institutional and non-institutional actors, particularly the third sector, which are helping young people into their journey to employment.

WHAT DO WE **AIM TO ACHIEVE?**

- Build a local network of proximity, to reach the NEETs through the involvement of institutional subjects (such as employment services, social and housing services, schools), protection and voluntary organisations and other stakeholders (e.g. companies, sports clubs, cultural associations, local leaders);
- Train institutional and non-institutional actors in Italy and Portugal on the 'relational proximity' approach, loosely based on the 'social prescribing' model in the UK;
- Implement two pilot actions in Italy and Portugal and evaluate their results and sustainability;
- Disseminate the knowledge acquired so that it can be implemented in a generalized way, using the tools and experiences produced by the project;
- Develop guidelines for adopting best practices learned at national and European level.

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