



ECOSOC
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Economic and Social Council Youth Forum

"Accelerating the COVID-19 recovery and full implementation of the 2030 Agenda with and for youth"

SIDE EVENT AT THE 2023 ECOSOC YOUTH FORUM

Three Erasmus+ projects: *'Now I know how!'*, *'I am able2DO'* and *'EQUALS-EU: Gender Equality for Youth leadership globally'* to foster entrepreneurship competences and creativity in young people starting from scratch

[25 April 2023 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm (EDT)]

1. The side event took place as scheduled. Organizer: Antonio Meneghetti Scientific and Humanistic Research Foundation, Switzerland NGO in Special Consultative Status with ECOSOC (info@fondazionemeneghetti.ch)

The side event was organized around the need to ensure that younger generations are aware of the benefits of the implementation of SDG's through cooperation, and to sustain and accelerate action for delivering them. To achieve this, the courses focused on how to foster young people's knowledge and ability to enter the job market as protagonists to help the contest where they live, concentrating mainly on the entrepreneurial sphere (and Made in Italy case study), in order to ensure a new economic and entrepreneurial renewal generation, particularly attentive to social issues, to the ethical aspect of work, sustainability, inclusiveness and gender equality. The courses involved more than 100 participants from 20 different countries.

The case study of Made in Italy born as reaction to a situation where the country was destroyed by the Second World War, was presented as school of life during the courses. Young participants learned how to recover and enhance their roots and cultural identity of their territory to develop their "Made in..." based on one of the main characteristics of Made in Italy, the psychology of knowing how to serve others and provide solutions in the contest where they live.

The three courses mobilize a wide difference of multi-stakeholders, in accordance with target 17.6. During the side event, students, teachers, entrepreneurs, public and private sector representatives were involved to increase in youth the awareness of economic change after pandemic.

Recommendations arise from the side event

From Young people:

Too much institutional media channels do not reach young people. Communicating the importance of economic post-pandemic changes and the 17 SDGs through online platforms used most by young people can help raise awareness and keep young people close and well-informed.

From Teachers.

Incorporate economics education in school curriculum like: basic economic concepts from practical case studies, starting from scratch

From NGO:

Replicate Erasmus+ course model as best practice to design diversity-based courses and initiatives with young people from different cultures to prevent prejudice, racism and intolerance.

From private sector (entrepreneurs)

Need to create new training models to implement direct experiences for youth with economic and business environments, not only from teacher trainers. This can contribute to bridge the gap that exists between the world of education and the labor market

From Civils Society

Foster these Erasmus+ courses to develop a solid system of values that can effectively counter the possible apathy (highly experienced during pandemic, the NEET phenomena) and facilitate their integration into labor market.

From Public sector

Incentivize Municipalities and local governments to provide certain conditions for carrying out activities even in the event of a pandemic.

Agenda, format and name of presenters:

Moderator: Zhana Ivanova and co-moderator Renars Raubiskis

Name of presenters:

- 1) Pamela Bernabei, "The Need addressed considering SDG's", Chair of Antonio Meneghetti Scientific and Humanistic Research Foundation, NGO in Special Consultative Status with Ecosoc, Switzerland
- 2) Hana Yungova, "The innovative pedagogy approach for youth", partner of Foilservice Ltd, Czechia, training company

- 3) Luca Barbonari "Now I know How! experience", 18 years old student, Italy
- 4) Andreea Tariuc "Now I know how to be protagonist in the job market, after my diploma", Now I know how! 18 years old student. Romania, Italy
- 5) Nellie Gospadinova, "how to increase the awareness of economic change in youth after pandemia", Now I know how! partner, Director of NGO Black Sea Center of Excellence, Bulgaria
- 6) Adriana Ullah, "My start-up at 16 years old", Now I know how! student, Bulgaria
- 7) Delyan Dimitrov, "Lesson learned and tips", Now I know how! student, Bulgaria
- 8) Andrea Zoppolato, Milan (ITALY), as representative of entrepreneurs
- 9) Nina Linde "Craftsmanship's Future of Europe: I AM ABLE TO DO! Main achievements of youth for youth" (Director of the Institute of Economics of the Latvian Academy of Sciences, Baltic Ontopsychology Association, Latvia
- 10) Katrina Paulina "ABLE2DO! Experience, practice and best tips for contemporary youth", teacher, Latvia, Germany
- 11) Renars Raubiskis "EQUALS-EU: Gender Equality for Youth leadership globally", project coordinator of the Institute of Economics of the Latvian Academy of Sciences, Latvia

5. Link to the recorded side event:

YouTube Link: <https://youtu.be/VxSwUf-vWlw>