

IO1.3 Best practice in Spain

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| Type of practice | Pilot Program |
| Best practice title | “Jove Oportunitat” / “Youth Opportunity” |
| Period of implementation | From January 2017 till now |
| Location | Valencian Community |
| Geographical coverage | Regional |
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| Target audience | Young people from 16 to 21 years old, unemployed and with a low educational profile, who dropped out school and feel demotivated and not able to face their situation. Youth who are not in employment, education or training. |
| Objectives | To motivate, orientate and empower low-skilled and low-educated young people, supporting them in finding their own way to employment, motivating them to actively engage in their personal and professional growth, guiding them on how to gain a proper attitude and needed skills to achieve goals in life. |
| Short description | Jove Oportunitat is a pilot program launched by the Valencian Institute of Youth (IVAJ) in January 2017 that promote coaching, capacity-building and motivational workshops for youth with very low educational profile, that dropped out school, neither completing the secondary school nor the Middle-VET grade. The workshops are delivered by educators and supervisors with expertise in coaching teen-agers and young people. |
| Activities/Action plan | <p>The program has been designed and conceived as a short (lasting 2 months), total immersion intervention, aiming at turning around the attitude that young participants have towards personal, social and working life.</p> <p>The participants receive individual and group coaching and orientation support.</p> <p>Firstly, participants are invited to reflect on their own life project, then they will be asked to define a carrier plan that will be traduced in a tailored itinerary that participants are supposed to fulfil step by step after finalizing the workshop. The itinerary is conceived as a well defined path that will guide youth towards the achievement of their life and professional goals.</p> <p>The program also foresees participants to visit at least 20 “hosting companies”; during this short time (from one to three days) visit, participants will experience real working days, staying side by side with the company workers from at least 10 different professional sectors. The objective of the visit is to provide participants with a global overview of the labour market, thus guiding them to make informed choice on future carrier.</p> |

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| Resources/Products | <p>MATERIAL RESOURCES: The workshops are funded by the European Social Funds, under the Youth Employment Initiative.</p> <p>HUMAN RESOURCES: The IVAJ contracts entities or companies, specialized in youth and teen-agers training and orientation. They provide coaches and supervisors in charge to deliver the workshops and select the host companies.</p> <p>COLLABORATIONS: The program is supported by the City councils, that collaborate with the tutors of secondary education schools of the area in order to select young participants to the program.</p> <p>CERTIFICATE: At the end of the workshops, the IVAJ issues a Certificate of Attendance to participants. The certificate it is not a Professional Qualification certificate, as the offered workshops are designed as a non formal education activity, and do not foresee any test or exam.</p> |
| Impact | <p>The philosophy behind the programme was born in France (“Second Opportunity Schools”). Inspired and motivated by the very good impact achieved in France, the European Social Fund-Youth Employment Initiative is supporting the implementation of this initiative in Spain.</p> <p>The pilot is very new and is being implemented since January 2017 so the quantity and quality data about the impact are not available yet.</p> |
| Key words | <p>Opportunity / Youth who are not in employment, education or training / Teen-agers / Coaching / Motivation/ Non formal education / Host companies / Total immersion intervention</p> |