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COLLABORATIVE PROGRAMME PILOTS -

**PRESENTATION OF THE *ATHENS
(COMMUNITY) LAB***

Closing Conference, 28th January 2019

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Presentation covers

- Implementation of the ***Collaborative Support Programme*** and the launching of the ***Community Lab(s) in Athens (and Thessaloniki)***
- Implementation “**partners**” & “**structure**” of the *Community Labs*

Running the Collaborative Support Programme

The Action Plan of the ***Collaborative Support Programme*** in Athens (Greece) comprised the following stages:

- work on and elaborate the “Community Lab” concept with potential beneficiaries (stakeholders);
- run information sharing and awareness raising sessions with the stakeholders, coupled with capacity building sessions, joined by would-be “mentors” and coaches;
- implement the localized CSP, accompanied by “action research projects”;
- review the implementation of the CSP & run a KEYSTONE Networking Seminar (“Multiplier Event”)

Running the Collaborative Support Programme

Work on & elaborate the “*Community Lab*” concept

- Enhance interest among the staff of the stakeholders, build networking capacity of those youth workers and volunteers interested in the KEYSTONE approach
- Validate with interested members of the stakeholders’ staff those methodologies and “tools” to run the CSP

Running the Collaborative Support Programme

“Training” Mentors and Coaches

Capacity building was provided in the following areas:

- fostering the **Action Research Methodology**, in the context of “*How to Fix Things*” in a social innovation approach;
- presenting the *KEYSTONE Technical Platform* and Tools (“**KEY Tool**”);
- **formative evaluation** (“reflection”) with the use of corresponding “tools” and relevant questionnaires

Running the Collaborative Support Programme

Implementing the CSP, comprising

- f2f meetings to motivate youth workers with the structure of the CSP, introducing them to the *KEYSTONE Platform* as well;
- presenting the methodology of the “Action Research Projects” (basically 3/6-week projects); and setting timetable for f2f and group meetings;
- engaging young people to participate; and
- following-up meetings with mentors/coaches (to discuss engagement, progress of the ARPs, group bonding, participatory analytics etc.)

Community Labs (Greece) [1/3]

KETHEA / STROFI

- During three (3-hour) information sessions and capacity building joined by the KETHEA/ STROFI youth workers and volunteers, and with the gradual engagement of some twelve (12) young people (boys) of the STROFI Programme, a light version of the PAR methodology was adopted, to run events and media (info) sessions
- Main difficulty to overcome: *Technical Platform* and the rather strict limitations as it regards the beneficiaries on their communication (limiting use of internet & mobile solutions)



Community Labs (Greece) [2/3]

SOLIDARITY NOW - Youth Shelter & Youth Centre

- During three (2-hour) sessions with f2f training experiences, that took place at the *Solidarity Now's premises*, attended by some seven (7) members of the staff (with the participation of the CEO), terms of reference of launching two **KEYSTONE Labs** were identified, adopting the PAR methodology (*Athens and Thessaloniki*)
- First, **Athens KEYSTONE (Community) Lab** in their **Youth Shelter** (to be also deploying a Youth Centre deploying the PAR Methodology): engaging **twenty five (25) migrant boys (18-25 yrs)**, starting with the **KEYSTONE "Game Experience"**. Difficulties encountered, the limitations brought about by the "KEY Tool" (e.g. registered only with the gmail account) and the demanding terms of "gaming".

Community Labs (Greece) [3/3]

SOCIAL EMPOWERMENT in collaboration with *Greek Council for Refugees (GCR)*

- Run two (2-hour) presentation meetings and one “training session”, focused on the PAR Methodology and its deployment in the mainstream (language) learning process, enhancing the refugees’ “learning to learn” competence (developing their transversal skills);
- *Problems still to overcome, due to the bureaucracy with the GCR and **the limited capacity (and motivation) of mentors and teachers/trainers to adopt innovative practice (resistance and inertia of stakeholders)** – collaboration pending.*

Implementation timetable: Greece (June-Dec 2019)

August - September 2019	Run information and capacity building sessions with SOCIAL EMPOWERMENT and KETHEA	Participation of youth workers, mentors and administrators
October- November 2019	Identification of the terms of reference for the adoption of the PAR Methodology and the launching of the Community Labs	Participation by youth workers and management of the stakeholders' bodies
November- December 2019	Run information and capacity building sessions with KETHEA/STROFI and Solidarity Now	Participation of beneficiaries as well
July 2019 - January 2020	Evaluation, Launching of KEYSTONE Labs (Athens & Thessaloniki, together with "Multiplier Event"	Participation of KEYSTONE Lab beneficiaries and broader Stakeholders' Community members

Implementation Timetable: Community Labs

30 Nov 2019	31 Dec 2019	31 Jan 2020
<p>Training <i>KETHEA/STROFI</i> and <i>Solidarity Now</i> facilitators</p>	<p>Forming (I) group of young migrants-refugees (total up to 25) (some registered), (II) group of <i>KETHEA/STROFI</i> young participants</p>	<p>At least 2-3 PAR Projects launched</p>
<p>Clarifying “terms of reference” of the KEYSTONE Community Lab, with facilitators working in NGOs across Greece</p>	<p>“Fixing local problems”, activating some some 3-4 stakeholders (NGOs etc.), checking with the “KEY Tool” and the “Game”</p>	<p>KEYSTONE Networking Webinar</p>
<p>Joining relevant events to get more stakeholders engaged</p>	<p>Finalizing the NGOs and in the first of the project duration</p>	<p>KEYSTONE “Multiplier Event”: Community Lab Thessaloniki (31 Jan 2020)</p>



**Thanks, M2I team
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