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Guide 2.0 – the project at a glance

Good Guidance Stories 2.0 aims to improve educational and job-related Information Advice and Guidance (IAG) for young adults by developing learning material for IAG practitioners.

Guide 2.0 is the third project of the Guide series and places special attention on the target group of young adults (18 - 35 years), particularly those experiencing barriers to employment.

All Guide projects work with the approach of case study-based learning material, which can be applied in complex situations with uncertain solutions (as is very often the case in the work of IAG practitioners).

Within Guide 2.0, seven new case studies will be developed with a focus on employability and the challenges of today's labour market, through an international community of practice made up of 12 IAG practitioners and managers. Eight existing case studies from the two preceding projects focus on the competences and professionalism of IAG practitioners. The latter will be digitized, and all materials will be made available through an online-learning environment.

The project is funded through the Erasmus+ fund of the European Union and involves six organizations from London, Dublin, Trieste, Marseille, Berlin and Tampere that are introduced below.



A Long-Standing Partnership

All Guide 2.0 partners were involved in the preceding Guide and Guide+ projects and shared the wish to further enrich the discourse on continuing professional development of IAG practitioners throughout Europe.

Rinova Ltd, lead partner of Guide 2.0 and based in London has broad experience in working with young adults and supporting them on the journey towards employment.

Ballymun Job Centre in Dublin and the Employment Unit of the City of Tampere (in collaboration with Tampere Adult Education Centre and Tampere University of Applied Sciences) both have a broad experience

in EU funded projects with regards to IAG and employment and offer IAG services directly to young adults and other clients.

Eurocircle in Marseille works with young adults and supports them in locating internships and work opportunities abroad and assists them upon their return in order to capitalize on their learnings and find ways into employment. Ciofs-FP is an Italian training provider and offers IAG services throughout the country. Guide 2.0 activities take place in Trieste.

MetropolisNet is a European Network of organisations experienced in developing local strategies for employment and social inclusion.

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Guide and Guide+

Guide 2.0 emerges from the preceding Good Guidance Stories and Good Guidance Stories Plus (Guide+) projects, which placed their focus on the development of case studies as peer learning tools to enhance practitioner performance. In GUIDE (2011 - 2013), six case studies and teaching notes were developed as innovative learning and teaching materials for guidance practitioners.

The focus of the follow-up project GUIDE+ (2013-2016) was thus to use the existing material, enrich it with two further case studies and teaching notes from a French and British perspective and to develop and test seven curricula based on the case study approach in seven cities. The main challenge of the follow-up project GUIDE+ was to translate the eight competencies into a curriculum with four to eight independent modules, tailored to the local country or city-specific training conditions.

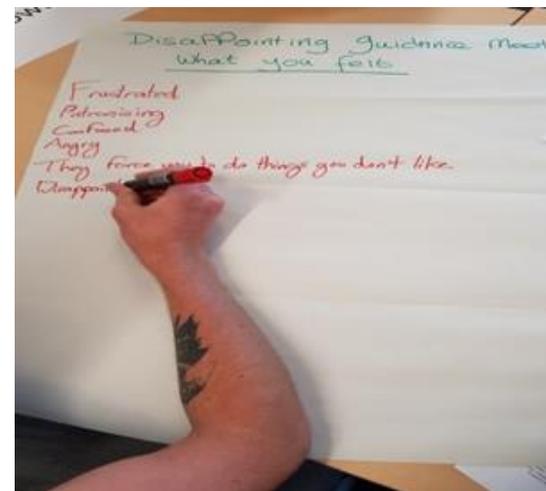
The Methodological Concept

The Methodological Concept is the first step within Guide 2.0 and builds the ground for its pedagogical vision. It is based on a qualitative enquiry process carried out in the six project countries and involves around 180 IAG practitioners, managers and young service users. Through focus groups and interviews, Guide 2.0 extracts their understanding of effective IAG practice and their ideas on the direction IAG services and practitioners need to develop in order to remain relevant.

The findings of this enquiry process shape the emphasis and the design of the seven case studies that will be developed to respond to current challenges and learning wishes of IAG professionals in all project countries.



Focus Group with practitioners in Berlin



Focus Group with young adults in Dublin.

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Guide 2.0 follows the participatory approach of co-design and co-production, according to which all groups effected by the work of our projects become the experts of their own needs. Special importance is given to the perspective of the young adults as users of IAG services.

Results indicate that many challenges are shared across all project cities. The highlighted challenges and shortcomings within the IAG system show that while certain subjects addressed in Guide and Guide+ remain important, new case studies are required to reflect current societal and labour market-related changes (such as digitalization) and offer a comprehensive range of learning material for IAG practitioners and managers.

Partner Meeting in Dublin

A Kick-Off meeting for Guide 2.0 took place in October 2018 in London, during which the partnership set the ground for the next two years of cooperation. Preparations for the first working phase, the local enquiries, were completed.

Guide 2.0 partners met again in March, in Dublin, to assess the results of the local enquiries and discuss the implications for the project's next steps.

Great effort was invested in the online learning modules, which will be available in summer and autumn 2019. The first course started recently and addresses practitioners in all cities with a self-directed online-learning process. This course provides an introduction to working with case studies and enables learners to apply and implement case study learning in their own contexts.

The second course starting in September addresses a smaller group of 12 IAG professionals, preparing them to become part of an international community of practice, taking care of the case study development.



Guide 2.0 Partnership - March 2019 in Dublin

What's next in Guide 2.0

- * In July, the first 60 learners started piloting the Good Guidance Stories online course and will pilot the implementation of the Guide and Guide+ case studies. If you are interested in joining the course, get in touch with your local organization or enter our website:
www.goodguidancestories.org
- * Beginning September 2019, twelve learners will start building an international Community of Practice and learn how to develop case studies.
- * The next partnership meeting will take place in September 2019 and will be hosted by Ciofs-FP in Rome.

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