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Guide 2.0 – the project at a glance

Good Guidance Stories 2.0 aims at improving 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 gives special attention to the target group of young adults (18 - 35 years) especially those experiencing barriers to employment.

All Guide project work with the approach of case study-based learning material which can be applied in complex situation with uncertain solutions as it is very often the case in the work of IAG practitioners.

Within Guide 2.0 seven case studies will be newly developed with focus on employability and the challenges of today's labour market. Eight existing case studies from the two predecessor projects focus on competences and professionalism of IAG practitioners. The latter will be digitized, and everything is made available in an online-learning environment.

The project is funded through the Erasmus+ fund of the European Union and six organizations from different cities/regions are involved in the project that you can get to know below.

A longlasting partnership

All partners of the Guide 2.0 partnership were involved in one of the predecessor projects Guide and Guide+ and shared the wish to continuously enrich the discourse on continuing professional education 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.

The City of Tampere Employment and Growth Services in Finland and Ballymun Job Centre in Dublin both have a broad experience in EU funded projects with regards to IAG and employment and offer IAG directly to young adults and other clients.

Eurocircle in Marseille works with young adults and supports them in finding internship and work opportunities abroad and assists them after return to capitalize on their learnings and find ways into employment. Ciofs-FP is an Italian training provider and offers IAG throughout the whole 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 its predecessor projects Good Guidance Stories and Good Guidance Stories Plus (Guide+), which already focused 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 material 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 to test seven curricula based on the case study approach in seven cities/regions. The main challenge of the follow-up project GUIDE+ was to translate the eight competencies into a curriculum with four to eight independent modules which are tailored to the local country or city-specific training conditions.

e-Learning Curriculum Pilot

The Ballymun Job Centre in collaboration with Rinova designed and developed an e-learning Moodle platform with the aim of testing the existing six Case Studies, Teaching Notes, Methodological Guides and Recommendation Handbooks on new learners. Additional learning objectives of the curriculum involved the introduction of Case Study writing as well as the concept of a Community of Practice. The Moodle platform, which was informed by the results from Guide 2.0 Methodological Concept, was launched beginning of July and was tested by the partners across 6 EU countries. The goal was to have a minimum of 10 participants/learners from each country test the materials.



Focus group with practitioners in Berlin



Introduction of e-learning platform in Dublin

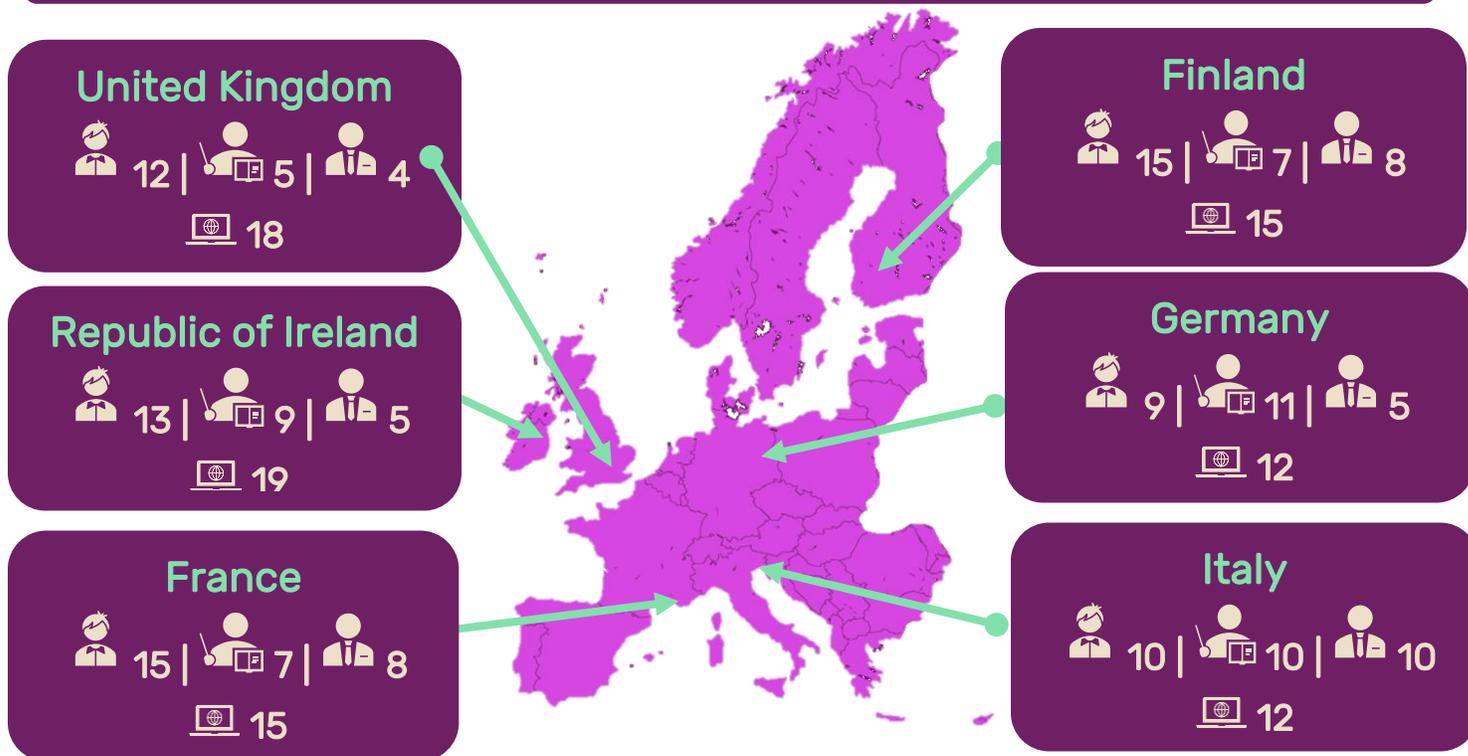
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Partner Meeting in Rome

Guide 2.0's partners held their third meeting in sunny Rome from 11-12 September, 2019. On the agenda was an overview analysis on the outcomes of the e-learning curriculum pilot. The results revealed that there are 91 user accounts created, including teachers and students, of which 45 have completed the course. During the testing phase, there were more than 10,000 views of the modules and materials indicated on the platform. Overall, the feedback from the learners highlighted the significant benefit of the Case Study Story and the Teaching Notes along with the guidance provided on how to write a Case Study story as an effective means of peer-learning/continuing professional development.



Key: Young Adults | Practitioners | Managers | Online Participants



Next Phase for Guide 2.0

To facilitate the creation of seven brand new case studies, a second e-learning Moodle platform was launched in October consisting of three modules taking the same learners through a more in-depth look at: (i) Community of Practice, (ii) Action Learning Set Methodology, and (iii) The Co-Production Model. A total of 12 learners (2 representatives for each partner country) have already begun the creation of an international Community of Practice (CoP) and, in fact, held their first virtual meeting last week. The CoP will continue to meet virtually as they participate in the production of the new case studies covering the following themes:

1) Personal Employability Skills, (2) Self-Management, (3) Working Together and Communication, (4) Creativity, Enterprise and Innovation, (5) Flexible Frameworks for Learning and IAG, (6) Long-term Joined-up Approach, and (7) Re-thinking Roles, Relationships and Mindsets.

The next partnership meeting will take place in March 2020 hosted by Eurocircle in Marseille.

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