

NEWSLETTER REFORM

Reinforcing Educator's Competences for Counselling and Motivation



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The "REFORM" project addresses the development of professional knowledge and skills of educators, in order to better provide educational and employability opportunities for students by increasing their motivation and desire for personal development.

During the two-years project the partners, from 7 organizations and 6 different countries, will test, adapt and implement innovative practices that can provide skills educators need in their work as career advisors, implementing a series of trainings and activities to support them.

ALMOST THE END

The REFORM project has almost come to its end. January will be the last month, dedicated to finalise the project piloting inside the secondary schools and to disseminate our results.

During these two years, partners from Italy, Greece, Portugal, Bulgaria, Romania and Poland have intensively work to strengthen educator's counselling competences to motivate and support their students. In order to do so, we collected learning and teaching methodologies in the sphere of career guidance at schools and we tested, adapted and implemented all these innovative practices. The main output of REFORM project is the CC-Box (Career Counseling Box) which you will be able to download soon and implement in your school. Its aim is to enable educators to support students in choosing their future education or job so to reduce the number of early school leavers, youth unemployment or NEETs.

CAREER COUSELING AND COVID-19

Adversity and insecurity are not new elements to human life, especially for teenagers, who have to start making decision related to their future. Between doubts, aspirations, often ingenuity, they are asked to chose their life path, and they are often not correctly supported. All this uncertainty and doubts, in the middle of a worldwide pandemic, seem to be louder.

The Covid-19 emergency has invested heavily everyone and all sectors, from the school systems to our social life, as well as the working environements. It caused considerable economic losses and employment consequences. In light of all these, young people among everyone have to live with the fear of a more than ever blurred future. During these tumultuous time, teachers acquired a very important role in helping students to cope with fear and anxiety. Developing career counseling competences is without doubt helpful. Career counseling is not only useful to help students to optimize their present and future choices, but it is essential for the self-reflection and determination.

THE CC-BOX

In these two years, REFORM partners collaborated to find the most engaging and effective tools and activities to enable teachers to provide career counseling for their students. The result of this research is the elaboration of the Career Counseling Box (CC-Box), a collection of career counseling techniques for three age groups of students in school (12-14, 14-16, 16-18 years old). Those methods could be applied by teachers and pedagogues, regardless of the subject they teach. The focus of this methodology is to show how to work effectively with students on a one to one basis and also suggests careers activities that educators can organize in groups. It also gives tips and help from existing practices in partner countries for working effectively with young people.

The CC-Box will be soon available online in English, Italian, Polish, Romanian, Portuguese and Greek.

WHAT'S NEXT?

REFORM team will continue piloting and disseminating the collected tools with the support of European teachers. Before the project ends next month, all the partners are organising online events to disseminate our results. Be sure not to miss them following us on Facebook.

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