



Working with Europe
Supporting the creation of innovative projects and partnerships across Europe



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The brief spring 2015 news update from *Working with Europe* simply aims to offer a short view on our present work and situation.

As a *Working with Europe* website will be produced across summer 2015, the following Newsletter will introduce you to rich materials in this website.

new name, new challenges

From 2015 *Catalonia working with Europe* is changed into *Working with Europe*. The change indicates a broader approach to creating European initiatives and organisational EU capacity building, allowing the association to flexibly work with our many European partners. At the same time we welcome our new colleague Anna Casas, with a background in business and coaching, to the association. Anna is already involved in project implementation and development.



european capacity building

Besides creating innovative and pioneer collaboration projects, the association is increasingly engaged in capacity building in organisations wishing to be able to work at strategic level in European programs and attract European funding. The capacity building approach is always closely linked to the production of one or more real applications, and builds on a blended learning methodology.



new directions for long-term unemployed

Working with Europe is deeply involved in implementing two new European projects addressing long-term unemployed adults in dead-end situations: *Break Down or Break Out* (coordinated by Chester University UK) and *Gamification for hard-to-reach adults* (coordinated by Pistes Solidaires FR). In the next Newsletter we will offer you access to the projects' new web platforms. But, for now, feel free to ask...



collaboration

Should you wish to collaborate with *Working with Europe* or use us as a driver of new innovative European initiatives, or wish to build European capacity in your organisation, **you are welcome to invite us to a dialogue.**

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Unemployed taking community change action

erasmus+ 2015 applications

At the moment *Working with Europe* has driven or co-driven a large number of Erasmus+ applications addressing the 2015 Call for strategic partnerships. The applications aim to be at the forefront of European innovation in learning and capacity building. Should you wish to receive a presentation of the 2015 as well as the 2014 applications, **please let us know.**



the NEET 2.0

Working with Europe is co-driving an ambitious national initiative in Catalonia, called NEET 2.0. The aim is to create a strong cross-sector platform in 2016, fundamentally rethinking and questioning what we offer NEET youth and potential NEETs. The platform will contribute to replacing short-term compensatory NEET policy with substantial and long-term 21st century capacity building. If successful, the initiative might have European perspectives. **Interested?**



the new focuses

Our EU initiatives are increasingly focused on new areas like entrepreneurial mentality and social innovation across the entire educational and social sectors. We are combining these innovations with 21st century learning methodologies in formal as well non-formal settings, involving a wide range of citizens from children to elderly, which of course creates a serious interest in the new social innovation program EaSI.