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Abstract

The Region of Tuscany has always been very active in the youth policies field. In particular, since 2011, Giovanisì, the programme organized by the Region of Tuscany to help young people become independent (www.giovanisi.it), has contributed to an improved organisation of existing opportunities addressing young people, as well as creating new lines of intervention in 7 main areas (Housing, Education and Training, Employment, Civil Service, Internships, Entrepreneurship, Giovanisì+). Thanks to the financing of the Europeans Structural Funds, Giovanisì promotes more than 50 different opportunities for young people in Tuscany. From May 1, 2014, Giovanisì opportunities have been combined with the Youth Guarantee Scheme, the European programme promoted with the specific objective of tackling the NEET phenomenon. Also thanks to the integration of Youth Guarantee resources (YEI- ESF) and intervention strategies, the regional cross-cutting system of opportunities dedicated to youth has been extended and improved.

The Region of Tuscany, within EARLALL (European Association of Regional and Local Authorities for Lifelong Learning - www.earlall.eu), coordinates a working group on Youth Policies. Good practices on youth entrepreneurship (from school projects to the business start up) have been collected in recent months.

*Based on this information, the Region of Tuscany is promoting EARLALL conference: **YES - Youth Entrepreneurial Spirit**, that will be held in Brussels (Tuscany Region – Rond Point Schuman 14, Brussels) in **June 27, 2018**.*

The main aim of the initiative is to promote an exchange of good practices in the field of Entrepreneurship education and Entrepreneurial Spirit as well as share successful strategies for boosting youth entrepreneurship, encourage self employment and improve school to work transition. To this end, thanks to the practical and meaningful experiences in these initiatives, the dual system (Alternanza Scuola Lavoro) has proven extremely effective in reducing the gap between school and work systems.

The following issues will be discussed in three panel sessions:

- Training Alliances (school to work transition, boosting enterprising spirit in schools, regional strategies to create effective networks at local level)*
- Supporting Business Start up (guidance and support for the start-up of new companies led by young people and NEETs)*
- Pilot initiatives to make a change (coworking, drop-out interventions, social enterprises)*

Representative from European Institutions as well as representative of different European Regions will take part to the event.

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