



## **XXXI CABUENES INTERNATIONAL YOUTH MEETINGS (GIJÓN – SPAIN)**

### **E1 SEMINAR. Youth, Employment and Europe: Towards a Youth Guarantee**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

According to the statistical data, Spain ended 2012 with a youth unemployment rate of 55.13%, the second highest in the European Union. At present, nearly 6 million people in Europe under the age of 25 are unemployed and a total of 7.5 are not in employment, education or training. This situation has led the EU to allocate 6 billion euros to policies that provide an answer to this challenge through the “Youth Employment Initiative”. This initiative sets out measures to be taken without delay to get young people back into work, education or training.

The Commission's proposal to establish a Youth Guarantee was adopted by the European Council in April 2013. The recommendation ensures that young people receive a quality offer of employment, further education or training within four months of becoming unemployed or leaving formal education.

Setting up a Youth Guarantee is a new approach to address this issue and this is the core reason why we propose to go deeply in this seminar on the strategy against youth unemployment boosted by the European institutions. It's aimed to explore the points that make up the establishment of a Youth Guarantee system and analyze the role to be played by the different stakeholders involved in its implementation: public employment services, business sector, schools, local authorities, youth services, vocational and career guidance services staff, youth organizations and youth councils, etc.

Sweden, Finland, Denmark and Austria have developed successfully such guarantees and their unemployment rates among young people are much lower than the Spanish. Therefore we find it interesting to know the key elements of these European initiatives in order to bring them into line with our reality.

To implement these projects is also necessary to explore the opportunities that the new EU Multiannual Financial Framework 2014-2020 will bring. That is why the seminar will also pay attention to Structural Funds and especially to European Social Fund.

#### **DATES AND VENUE**

19<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> of September, 2013.

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## **COORDINATION TEAM**

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## **PARTICIPANTS**

30 participants. Employment public services staff, political decision-makers, members of youth councils and youth organisations, youth workers, vocational guidance services staff and other interested persons.

## **DRAFT PROGRAMME**

### Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September

16:30 – 17:00. Plenary session: Opening ceremony

17:00 – 18:30. Plenary session: Round Table: European Citizenship programmas

18:30 – 18:45: Break

18:45 – 20:00: Introduction to the programme and participants

### Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September

09:00 – 10:30. “Youth Employment Initiative: EU call to action on youth unemployment” Youth Forum Jeunesse representative (tbc)

10:30 – 10:45. Break

10:45 – 12:15. “Youth in the focus of the UE structural funds”. ESF Spanish Managing Unit representative

12:30 – 14:00. Plenary session: Round Table: Citizenship Experiences

17:00 – 18:45. “Youth Guarantee projects in Europe”. Projects managers (tbc)

18:45 – 19:00: Break

19:00 – 19:30. “Youth Guarantee projects in Europe” (second part)

### Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> September

09:30 – 11:30. “Building a partnership to set up Youth Guarantee schemes in Spain”. Stakeholders representatives: Public Employment Service, Local Council, Trade Union, Entrepreneurs Organization, School , Youth Service and Youth Council (tbc)

11:30 – 12:00. Break



12:00 – 14:00. “Laboratory of innovation”. Participants' working session on design of Youth Guarantee schemes and the cooperation between the stakeholders that should support these measures.

17:00 – 18:30. “Pilot Youth Guarantee initiatives in Spain”. Projects managers (tbc)

Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September

10:00 – 11:30. “Presentation and evaluation of the projects designed during the laboratory of innovation”. Participants' working session

11:30 – 12:00. Break

12:00 – 13:30. Conclusions and evaluation

13:30 – 14:00. Plenary session: Closing ceremony

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