

# EUROPE DIRECT NI

## SoEngage – Engaging Social Farmers

Family farms represent an important resource to maintain and improved the social, economic and cultural sustainability of rural areas. The objective of the SoEngage project is to develop training to support farmers engage in Social Farming for economic benefit and sustainability of the farm and the rural community. Social Farming, also known as Care Farming or Farming for Health offers farmers the opportunity to use their agricultural expertise and resources to provide health (mental and physical), social or educational care support services. The farm remains a working farm where people who need care support can benefit from participating in farm activities in a non-clinical environment.

The partners of the SoEngage project represent 6 regions: UK, Ireland, Germany, Poland, Romania, Spain. The partners will share their expertise and resources to create a comprehensive set of online self-learning resources. The online resources will provide farmers with relevant training to develop their competence to engage in social farming. The training will include case studies taken from real social farm practices across the partner regions. Training will be delivered to over 300 trainees who will be involved in testing the training from the beginning and throughout the term of the project.

The SoEngage training will be available in the 5 languages of the partners (English, German, Polish, Spanish and Romanian) and available as an Open Educational Resource (OER) which can be shared easily across the EU to engage farmers in social farming.



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## Youth MADE – Youth Making a Difference in Europe

The second youth exchange took place in Bydgoszcz, Poland and included 5 youth and 1 youth leader from each partner region from the 23- 27 October 2018.

The youth took part in a range of activities to explore their views on migration integration and inclusion through discussion with migrants, movies and hearing from reporters who had visited and reported on the migrant crisis. The youth explored what it felt like to be a migrant and prepared reports and feedback on how migrants can be integrated.

These activities where youth research and gather information help them to develop their knowledge of migration, refugees, integration and inclusion to inform their own views and opinions. They become more active citizens to influence their peers, their local community, elected representatives to lead to respect for human rights to prevent fear of others and radicalisation.



**Second youth exchange for the Youth MADE Project in Bydgoszcz, Poland**

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## CRANE – THE NETWORK OF FARMS TEACHING CITIZENS



We had our final international meeting and dissemination event in Granada, Spain. This was to discuss the products and results of the CRANE project about education and sustainability in multifunctional farms.

[Find reports here](#)

**Project partners are: Italy, Spain, Malta & UK**



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# EURO-YOUTH MEDIALAB PROJECT



This project is now closed and the Euro-Youth MediaLab Project Dissemination Event took place on the 24th May in Puget-Theniers France 2018

The purpose of the dissemination event was to share the results of the Euroyouth Medialab Project which had been running from September 2016. Partners spoke about the importance of engaging youth to explore the issues that were important to them in their region and to show how youth can be empowered to make changes in their community.

[Click here to see the results from the dissemination event.](#)



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# WOMEN RETURN TO WORK PROJECT

The project partners are from:

Sweden  
Poland  
Turkey  
N Ireland (UK)



The women return to work was funded by Erasmus+ The project ran from the 1 October 2016 to the 30 September 2018.

The final meeting of the women return to work project took place in Krakow, Poland to review the action plan and to prepare for the final report. The project partners discussed final promotional activities to share the results of the project and to evaluate how the project had achieved its objectives. The partners have shared their reports and best practice examples on mentoring; developing entrepreneurship in rural areas; supporting women with disabilities to return to work and vocational training for women on the Erasmus+ online results platform.

## ERASMUS+

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CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE UK ACROSS EUROPE

Erasmus+ is the European Union programme for education, training, youth and sport. It runs for seven years, from 2014 to 2020, with organisations invited to apply for funding each year to undertake creative and worthwhile activities.

Projects involve working with at least three partners from other regions of Europe to collaborate and share expertise to modernise education, training and youth work across Europe.

€187 million of European Commission funding will be available to United Kingdom education and youth organisations in 2019 through the Erasmus+ programme. The figure, up from €170m this year, was revealed when the Commission published the Erasmus+ 2019 Call for applications. Erasmus+ is the European Union programme for education, training, youth and sport. The programme provides funding for life-changing international opportunities. Through Erasmus+ funding:

Young people can study, volunteer and gain work experience abroad - to develop new skills, raise their aspirations, and boost their employability Teachers, education staff and youth-workers can teach or train abroad - to develop their professional practice, build relationships with international peers, and share ideas and knowledge UK organisations can collaborate with international partners – to share best practice and drive innovation in education and youth work.

Want to apply for funding?

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