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Digital Empowerment for Inclusion: Strengthing Skills and Capacities in Vulnerable Youth

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PRESS RELEASE

Asociatia Pro Democratia Buzău announces the completion of the first 2 activities of the project "EDI-FORJUV – Digital Empowerment for Inclusion: Strengthening Skills and Capacities in Vulnerable Youth", funded by the Erasmus+ Programme, Key Action 2 – Cooperation Partnerships in the field of youth (KA220-YOU).

25 youth workers were selected, 5 from each partner organisation, to participate in the training course and improve their skills in the field of digitalisation and the use of AI.

The partners also finalized the "Training Curriculum" – an essential intellectual product within the project, based on which the "Course Manual" will be developed. All partners

contributed to the development of the "Curriculum", but the activity was coordinated by the partner from Italy – Orizonti Cooperativa Sociale.





During May 29-30, 2025, the consortium members gathered in a Transnational Project Meeting in Padua, Italy. The project implementation status was assessed as well as the activities that will take place in the coming period. It was an extremely beneficial meeting, in which the partners exchanged experiences and observed the concerns that Orizonti Cooperativa Sociale from Italy has in the field of social

inclusion of vulnerable young people, especially migrants and refugees. Of course, we were pleasantly impressed by the Italian culture and cuisine.



The next activity will be “Development of the Course Manual” and will be coordinated by Asociatia Pro Democratia Buzau (RO).

In October 2025, the next Transnational Partner Meeting will take place in Sofia, Bulgaria and will be hosted by the partner Interactive Bulgaria Foundation.

The “EDI-FORJUV” project is coordinated by the Association for Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Information and Communication Technologies (INNETICA) – Spain, will run for a period of 24 months (September 1, 2024 – August 31, 2026) and involves a consortium formed by five partner organizations from Romania, Spain, Italy, Greece and Bulgaria.

“EDI-FORJUV” aims to contribute to the social inclusion of vulnerable young people by developing the digital skills necessary for their integration into the labor market and digital society. The project addresses strategic priorities of the European Union, such as inclusion and diversity, increasing quality and innovation in youth work and digital transformation through the development of digital skills.

Main activities and expected results

The project will implement several activities aimed at supporting vulnerable young people and youth workers, including:

Training 25 youth workers (5 from each partner country) to become digital mentors capable of supporting the integration of vulnerable young people through the use of new technologies.

Developing digital skills for 100 vulnerable young people from partner countries, facilitating their access to educational and professional opportunities.

Creation of an innovative digital curriculum and training manual for youth workers.

Development of an interactive web application – "Digital Virtual Tutoring" – as a self-assessment and digital mentoring tool for young people.

Organization of an information campaign and testing of the project results for the dissemination and promotion of the developed resources.

Impact and sustainability

The "EDI-FORJUV" project will have a significant impact on the direct beneficiaries (vulnerable young people and youth workers), but also on the local communities and the organizations involved. In the long term, the project results will be integrated into the partners' activities, and the developed resources will be accessible on free educational platforms.

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This press release marks one year since the start of the implementation of the EDI-FORJUV project, highlighting the importance of European collaboration for the development of digital skills and the inclusion of vulnerable young people.

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