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CRAFT - Co-working in Rural Areas to prepare young people for Future Trends



THE PROJECT

CRAFT - Coworking in Rural Areas to prepare young people for Future Trends is an Erasmus+ initiative that aims at supporting young people in rural areas to develop their employability, entrepreneurship, and preparedness for the jobs of the future through coworking.

CRAFT activities that will help achieve these goals are:

- an online training programme for builders of future-looking collaborative with three modules: (1) Career Skills for the Future; (2) Entrepreneurship skills with a focus on the areas of personal care and health, green economy and STEAM; (3) Managing co-working spaces in rural areas.
- a 3D virtual world platform with 7 original game-based learning scenarios
- an international learning activity for young people
- Hackathons involving young people, counsellors and co-working managers.



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Early video preview of the CRAFT 3D virtual world



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Partnership

The CRAFT partnership involves 7 organizations:

- CSRMP (Poland) www.csrmp.pl
- STEP (Slovenia) www.step-institute.org
- CIAPE (Italy) www.ciape.it
- KIT (Norway) www.kunnskapstrening.no
- DEŠA (Croatia) www.desa-dubrovnik.hr
- BFE (Bulgaria) www.fbo.bg
- CTI (Greece) www.cti.gr

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Transnational project meetings

CRAFT kick off meeting was organized on September 10th and 11th, 2021 in an hybrid mode with some participants gathering in Rome and some others joining online.

The 2° transnational meeting was held online last February due to the covid-19 outreach.



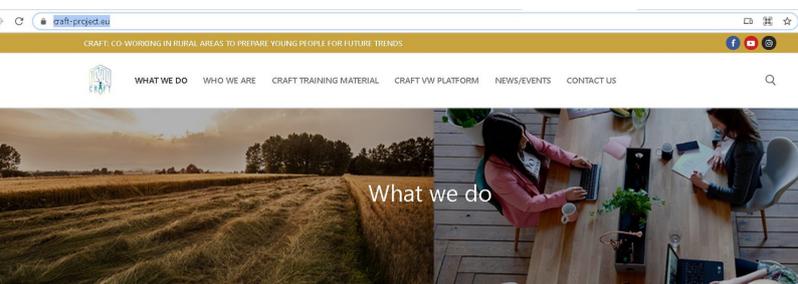
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Stimulating youth employment in rural areas through a training program and games in a 3D virtual world on 3 topics:

- Career skills for the jobs of the future
- Entrepreneurship
- Creating and managing shared workspaces



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The innovative objective of CRAFT project is to leverage on a number of real and perceived advantages which may attract people to live in/stay in EU rural areas. Thus, promoting entrepreneurship among young people in EU rural areas by providing them the fundamentals to setup – within reconverted empty spaces – collaborative working environments, which will be hinged on some of the key trends affecting the future labour market.

The core idea is to make those coworking spots act as future skills' propulsor engines rather than as aseptic work hangouts, around 3 sectors which are crucial towards the pursuit of the European smart, sustainable and inclusive development:

- personal care and health-related jobs and services;
- green economy;

ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED SO FAR

In the first 8 months, CRAFT partners have been working on the development of the training modules and learning scenarios for the 3D virtual world platform. Additionally, the IT and graphical infrastructure of the platform have been set up.

Communication materials have been designed including: the project website, CRAFT social media and a leaflet.

CRAFT has been promoted through different events (mostly online). For example, it has been presented by BFE in the online TCA "Career guidance and counseling for students from vulnerable groups" organized by Euroguidance Serbia. The event involved more than 55 career guidance practitioners, teachers, trainers, and policymakers from all across Europe.

NEXT STEPS

The 3° transnational meeting will be held, on June 24th and 25th, in an hybrid modality with some participants traveling to Ljubljana (Slovenia) and some others attending online. During the meeting, partners will discuss about the training materials and gamification platform, which will be piloted in Dubrovnik (Croatia) at the end of the summer.

During this international mobility, 18 young people will be called to design real projects of collaborative workspaces, which will be presented to local stakeholders and awarded.

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