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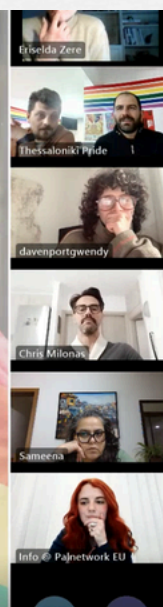


PAL Network



RAINBOW BRIDGES PROJECT

Welcome to the RAINBOW BRIDGES *
Bridging the Gaps: SOGIESC-
responsive Career Guidance for
LGBTQIA+ Youth" Webinars

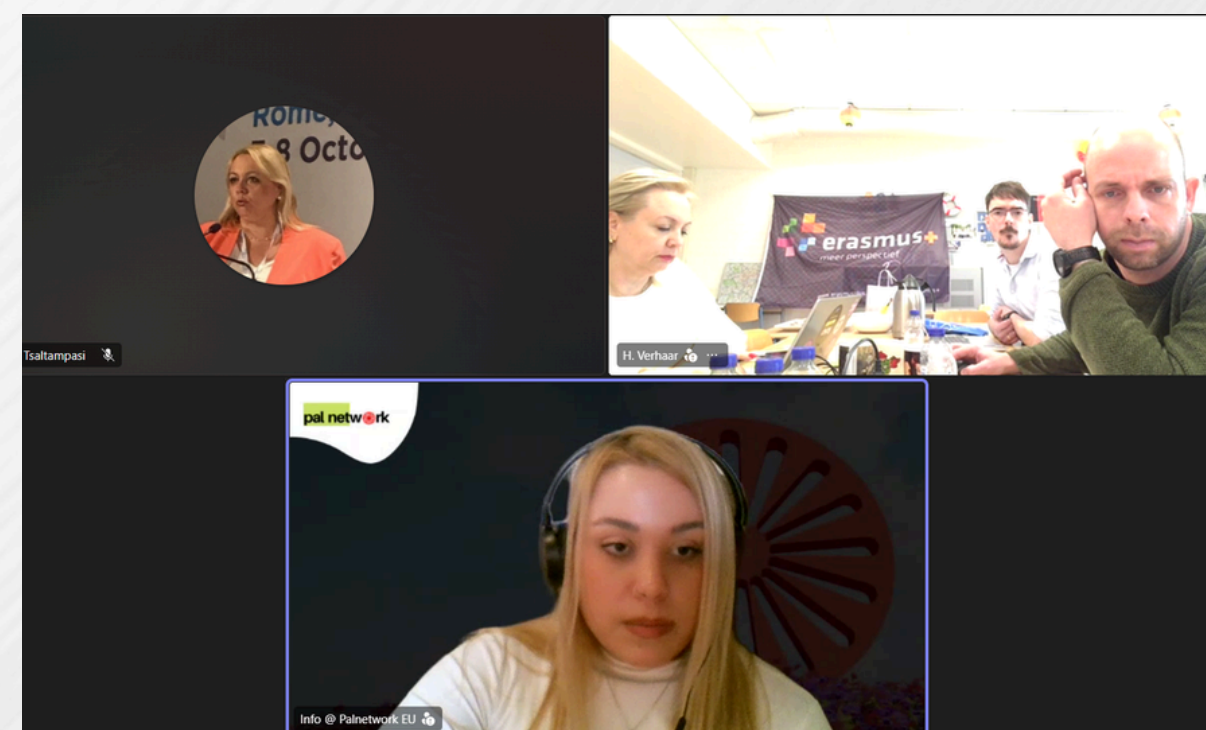


The **RAINBOW BRIDGES Webinar Series** has been successfully completed! Over the course of **four interactive and engaging sessions**, youth workers, educators, career counselors, and activists came together to strengthen their skills in providing inclusive, SOGIESC-responsive career guidance for LGBTQIA+ youth. Through a combination of practical tools, real-life case discussions, and peer exchange, participants explored ways to better support LGBTQIA+ youth when they enter the labor market

P.O.L.A.R Project



The Kick-Off Meeting of the POLAR Project, in which PAL Network participates as a partner, successfully took place in Leeuwarden, Netherlands, on 27 March 2026. Representatives of all partner organisations gathered to officially launch the project, align on its objectives, and coordinate the implementation strategy. During the meeting, partners discussed the next steps of the project and began preparing the upcoming activities.



OPEN CALL | PROUD AMBASSADORS WEBINARS

PAL Network has launched an **open call for participation in the Proud Ambassadors webinar** series, part of an Erasmus+ project focused on supporting the inclusion and mental well-being of LGBTQIA+ youth across Europe. The programme consists of **eight online sessions taking place from 14 April to 7 May 2026**, (every Tuesday & Thursday), 17:00–20:00 CET, online, offering participants practical tools, knowledge, and skills to better support young people. Upon completing the full training, **participants will join the first generation of Proud Ambassadors** and become part of a transnational network of youth workers and professionals committed to fostering more inclusive environments.

Apply here: <https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=5Xwn14NUe061476VHlpZTZkF0ihRkDdKrCLwXqhWZBFURTRGSF>





CUBE

DIGITALONSTAGE



The Digital on Stage project is entering an exciting new phase, marked by the international presentation of 24 innovative digital performing arts productions developed through its Cascade Funding programme. These works—integrating technologies such as VR, AR, AI, and interactive media—are now being showcased across major European festivals in Spain, Italy, and Belgium, expanding their reach to wider audiences and industry professionals. At the same time, the project is launching a new series of professional workshops aimed at programmers, curators, and cultural venues, focusing on skills development, technical knowledge, and international collaboration opportunities in digital and hybrid performance.

CUBE has become one of the newest members of European Creative Hubs Network through WEHub – Female Empowerment Hub! The European Creative Hubs Network is a peer-led network with a mission to enhance the creative, economic and social impact of hubs. It is the only network in Europe specifically tailored to support hubs that host and connect multiple creative businesses. The ECHN helps its members network with one another, pool resources, share best practices, and take advantage of all kinds of opportunities.



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Open call to select participants for the Proud Ambassadors Webinars!

A series of 8 Online Webinars for **youth workers, psychologists, LGBTQIA+ activists, professionals** in young people's mental health and representatives and administrative staff of public or private bodies advocating for LGBTQIA+ rights and inclusion.

These sessions aim to equip participants with knowledge, skills and practical tools to support LGBTQIA+ youth mental well-being and train them to become the

1st Generation of Proud Ambassadors

If interested in applying to the call, please check [THIS LINK](#) and find more information on how to become a Proud Ambassador!

Become a Proud Ambassador and make a difference!



mucf | Minderheiten für einheimische und internationale Jugend

LAST CHANCE! CUBE is happy to share an open call within the Erasmus+ project "Support of the Inclusion and Reporting of LGBTQIA+ Youth and their Mental Well-being in Europe – **Proud Ambassadors**".

Dates: 14 April – 7 May 2026 (every Tuesday & Thursday)

Time: 17:00–20:00 CET

Location: Online (Microsoft Teams)

Apply [HERE](#)



PROUD
AMBASSADORS

Greek Association of Women Entrepreneurs - SEGE



#Her_Research 2026: New Cycle Empowering Women in Research

The Greek Association of Women Entrepreneurs (SEGE) announces the launch of the 4th cycle of the #Her_Research program for 2026, aiming to strengthen women's presence in research and transform scientific knowledge into innovative business ventures.

What is #Her_Research?

A structured 8–10 month program designed to support women researchers through:

- Training seminars & bootcamps
- Mentoring and expert guidance
- Evaluation by an academic scientific committee
- Networking with investors and the market



Why it matters

Despite their strong scientific background, many women researchers lack access to funding opportunities, networks, and mentoring. #Her_Research addresses these barriers by creating a supportive ecosystem that helps turn research into real-world innovation and sustainable business activity.

The program has shown consistent growth:

- 2021: 25 applications, 18 participants
- 2023: 58+ applications, 42 participants, 8 winning teams
- 2024: 120 applications, 80 supported research teams



What's new in 2026

The 4th cycle aims to expand its impact by:

- Enhancing participants' investment readiness
- Offering specialized mentoring
- Strengthening connections with industry and stakeholders

Get involved

The program also invites companies and organizations to support innovation, diversity, and sustainable development while strengthening their ESG impact. More details about the open call and application process will be announced soon.

Contact: +30 2310 224440 info@sege.gr





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The session “**Craft and Art as a Bridge – Exploring EU Programmes for Creative and Social Impact**”, organised by **OECON GROUP Bulgaria** within the framework of the European project **Craftwork4.0All**, was successfully delivered during **TexTailor Expo** in **Plovdiv, Bulgaria on 19–20 March 2026**. Over the course of two dynamic days, the event attracted a large and diverse audience, including artists, craftspeople, textile professionals, cultural practitioners, students, and representatives of creative organisations. The strong participation highlighted the growing interest in connecting traditional craftsmanship with contemporary design, innovation, and social impact.



The session, focused on how major European programmes such as Creative Europe, Erasmus+, and Horizon Europe can support the development of creative and socially impactful projects. Participants explored funding opportunities, mobility schemes, and collaboration possibilities, while also discovering inspiring examples of EU-funded initiatives in the fields of crafts and textiles.



AGRINOVA Kick-Off meeting

March marked the successful Kick-Off Meeting of the **AGRINOVA Project**, hosted by USAMV Bucharest in Romania. The two-day event brought together all project partners for the first time to officially launch the project, align expectations, and build a strong foundation for collaboration.

The AGRINOVA project, an **Erasmus+ partnership** spanning Romania, Austria, Turkey, Albania, Greece, and Bulgaria, is driving a shared vision for smarter and more sustainable agriculture across Europe. Bringing together universities, research centers, SMEs, NGOs, and VET providers, **the project creates a collaborative space where modern farming innovation can thrive.**



Associazione Romni APS

“Don’t (meno) Pause”: a European project to break the taboo around menopause

Rome, 15 March 2026 – Speaking openly about menopause, overcoming deep-rooted stereotypes, and promoting women’s well-being during a crucial stage of life. With these objectives, Don’t (meno) Pause, the European project funded by the Erasmus+ programme, has officially begun, bringing together representatives from six countries in the Italian capital for the first transnational meeting.

Hosted by **ROMNI APS**, the event marks the beginning of a 30-month international cooperation pathway involving organisations from Croatia, Italy, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Netherlands, Greece, and Ukraine.

THE FIRST MEETING IN ROME

The **Transnational Project Meeting (TPM1)** represented a key moment for the project’s operational launch. During the working day, the partners defined the organisational structure, clarified roles and responsibilities, and aligned the timetable of activities.

The discussions also focused on communication and dissemination strategies, quality evaluation mechanisms, and financial management rules, all essential elements for ensuring the project’s effectiveness and long-term sustainability.



In the coming months, Don’t (meno) Pause will move into full implementation with a series of concrete activities:

- development of educational materials and a digital handbook on menopause
- creation of an online platform and a European support community
- organisation of workshops, training sessions, and sport activities
- awareness-raising initiatives at local and European level

The objective is twofold: on the one hand, to provide women with useful tools to face this stage of life; on the other, to contribute to broader cultural change.

Because, as the name of the project itself suggests, menopause is not a pause, but a transformation. And, as such, it deserves attention, appropriate tools, and above all, a new shared narrative.



SOLUTION: SOLIDARITE & INCLUSION



Every year, March 8th -International Women's Day- reminds us of the urgent need to combat the inequalities and discriminations that still affect far too many women across Europe and beyond. SOLUTION organised a special week in March, dedicated to empowerment and awareness, under the United Violet project, co-financed by the European Commission

At the heart of this initiative are workshops on natural cosmetics to promote beauty free from societal dictates, free gynecological workshops with a mid-wife to improve access to healthcare, and an educational game about the menstrual cycle to break taboos and inform people of all ages. These activities, open to everyone, aim to boost self-confidence and encourage women's autonomy. Throughout the week, it was also an opportunity to discuss, share personal experiences and feel less isolated.



United Violet is much more than a week-long event, it's a European movement bringing together partners, associations and citizens around one shared goal: building a society where every woman can live free from discrimination, with equal opportunities and respect. By sharing knowledge, experiences and solidarity, we are making progress toward equality.

CODECA



CODECA will implement the **SafeHost** project on May 2026 under the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values (CERV-2025-DAPHNE) Programme. The main objective of the SafeHost project is to strengthen the role of the hospitality sector in preventing gender-based violence by equipping frontline staff with the knowledge and tools needed to identify early signs of abuse and respond safely and responsibly.

The consortium comprises **seven core organizations** and partner entities from five European Union countries, bringing together specialized expertise and resources to develop a sustainable model for the early identification of, and support for, cases of gender-based violence within the hospitality sector.

For more information: <https://www.codecacy.org/articles-en?article=safe-host-a-multi-sectoral-approach-to-gender-based-violence-in-the-tourism-sector>



We are pleased to announce that the AMIR Training Package is now available!

The **AMIR Project** was developed to strengthen the integration of Third-Country Nationals (TCNs) by enhancing cooperation between municipalities, regional authorities, and service providers. Integration is a shared responsibility, involving public institutions, NGOs, local communities, and migrants themselves, and effective collaboration is essential to ensure inclusive and cohesive societies.

Through this training package, the AMIR Project aims to strengthen local capacity, improve coordination among stakeholders, and support more inclusive communities across Europe.

Explore the Training Package and learn more about the AMIR Project here: <https://shorturl.at/YdUrU>

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PER A LA FORMACIÓ I LA PROMOCIÓ DELS GITANOS A CATALUNYA

The **Fundació Privada Pere Closa** promotes collective reflection against discrimination within the framework of the Ways of Europe project.

On March 19, the **transnational meeting of the Ways of Europe project**, organized by the Fundació Privada Pere Closa, came to an end.

This gathering, held in the context of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, brought together all project members at Barcelona City Hall with the aim of creating a space for reflection and dialogue. The various representatives were accompanied by Pedro Aguilera Cortés, Commissioner for Citizen Participation, to address measures and policy lines that contribute to ensuring citizen participation conceived from a perspective of diversity.



During the meeting, the manifesto developed through collective reflection and the exchange of knowledge and experiences among all project members was presented. This document was created with the aim of compiling proposals for action to curb discrimination and to support minorities in vulnerable situations. Sharing these spaces enables the Fundació Privada Pere Closa to bring new resources and tools into classrooms, fostering respect, equality, and coexistence from an early age.

Find more information here: <https://www.fundaciopereclosa.org/ways-of-europe-transnational-meeting-cat/>

Polo Europeo della Conoscenza *Europole*

EireneFest Meeting in Rome

A book festival for peace and nonviolence

The event is valid for teacher training purposes and a certificate of participation will be issued. The course is considered a training course and, being organized by a qualified refresher course provider (Ministerial Decree 08/06/2005), may be authorized pursuant to Articles 64 and 67 of the 2006/2009 National Collective Bargaining Agreement for the School Sector, with exemption from service and replacement pursuant to the regulations on short-term substitute teaching.

Registration request for certificates

**Conference – Re-humanizing Education
May 16 and 17, 2026**

Two days of work and conferences for teachers and educators of all school levels.

Free participation with individual registration for both days.

You can register for one or both days, May 16th and 17th.

Registration is for certificates and buffet.

**At - Mother House Opera Don Calabria
Verona - Via San Zeno in Monte, 23**

<https://www.doncalabria.it/san-zeno-in-monte/casa-madre-105/>



School is against Mafia

A meeting for all with the Public Prosecutor of Venice, former coordinator of the Milan District Anti-Mafia Directorate. The meeting will be held in person in the Aula Magna of the Liceo Scientifico Statale "G. Fracastoro" – BRANCH Via Ca' di Cozzi 39, 37124, Verona

A recording service – not streaming – will be organized for those who cannot attend due to distance or room capacity issues – 450 seats

Event participants will receive a certificate of participation valid for the update.



Institute of Psychological Development (IPSA)



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DEVELOPMENT

On March 5, a talk was held as part of the collaboration between the Institute for Psychosocial Development and the Regional Directorate of Education of Thessaly. Titled “Fostering Psychological Resilience in Children and Adolescents: The Role of Parents,” the session explored how parents can support and strengthen the emotional resilience of young people. The event took place at the Hatzigiannio Cultural Center within the Larissa Parents’ Academy meetings, attracting parents and others interested in child and adolescent well-being. On March 5, a talk was held as part of the collaboration between the Institute for Psychosocial Development and the Regional Directorate of Education of Thessaly.

On March 8, the second meeting of the “Psychoanalytic Dialogues” series was successfully held at the Institute. The presentation, “Trauma as Each Individual’s Unique Story,” examined the personal and subjective dimensions of traumatic experiences. Key insights from general and developmental psychology, as well as child and adolescent psychiatry, sparked meaningful dialogue and active engagement among participants.



On March 21, a Career Guidance event titled “The Apple Doesn’t Fall Far from the Tree” took place at the Joist venue, organized in collaboration with the “Friends of IPSA” Association. Conducted as an open discussion–interview, the session featured guests from Larissa with experience in family businesses. The conversation emphasized the family’s role in career and educational choices, addressing challenges and succession in family enterprises while highlighting potential opportunities. The exchange of perspectives offered the audience valuable insights into the dynamics of family-run businesses

.Following this, on March 22, the third session of the “Psychoanalytic Dialogues” series explored “Early Trauma and Its Influential Role in the Development of Psychological Resilience, the Organization of Defense Mechanisms, and Relational Patterns.” The session continued the series’ commitment to in-depth psychoanalytic exploration and engaging discussions.

Finally, on March 23, a training session on Restorative Justice was conducted under the Erasmus+ Adult Education Programme (Project 2025-1-EL01-KA122-ADU-000331143). The session provided practical knowledge and strategies to enhance professional development among the Institute’s team.

Büyük Ortadoğu Sağlık ve Eğitim Vakfı (BOSEV)



The BGB-VET – Breaking Gender Bias in VET: Through AI-Enhanced Strategies and Gender Equality Plans project is an Erasmus+ KA220-VET initiative aiming to transform how vocational education and training (VET) institutions address gender equality across Europe. Bringing together 9 partners from 6 countries, the project combines policy innovation with digital transformation by integrating AI-powered virtual simulations and Gender Equality Plans (GEPs) into VET systems.

The project focuses on analysing existing gender policies, developing practical tools for educators, and supporting institutions in implementing sustainable, gender-responsive practices. Through blended training programmes, immersive learning scenarios, and strong stakeholder engagement, BGB-VET aims to challenge stereotypes in career pathways and create more inclusive learning environments.

Ultimately, the project contributes to strengthening institutional capacity, improving learning outcomes, and promoting equal opportunities for all learners in VET across Europe.

Since its launch, the BGB-VET project has made significant progress, particularly within Work Package 2 – Gender Equality Framework Analysis in VET, which currently represents the core active phase of the project. The consortium has successfully advanced the desk research activities and is actively implementing large-scale surveys targeting students, teachers, and staff across partner countries.



To date, approximately 500 student responses and around 147 teacher/staff responses have been collected, demonstrating strong engagement at European level. While participation is high, partners continue efforts to reach target levels, particularly in staff engagement, ensuring balanced and representative data collection.

The project has also refined its reporting approach, moving towards a single consolidated European report, supported by mapped national sources, enhancing coherence and comparability across countries. In parallel, preparations for the data analysis phase are underway, which will inform the development of future project outputs, including AI-based learning scenarios and gender-responsive training programmes.

Dissemination activities are actively progressing, with social media channels operational and the project website being finalised. Partners are contributing to visibility through coordinated communication efforts and stakeholder engagement.

Overall, the project is on track, with strong collaboration among partners and clear momentum towards delivering impactful, evidence-based solutions to reduce gender bias in VET systems across Europe.



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