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DISCO Project – Meeting between partners and young volunteers!
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On April 23rd and 24th, the second partner meeting of the Erasmus plus project titled DISCO- Digital Second Chance Opportunities, was held at CESIE’s office, in Palermo. The partners of the project come from 5 different European countries: Germany, Netherlands, Poland, Italy and England.

The project is developing an online platform where digital evaluation tools, good practices and training materials will be shared and made available to anyone involved in Second Chance education, namely teachers and trainers who will be able to discuss, share and value their good practices and ideas participating in the on-line community.

The project’s goal is to improve the quality of lifelong learning for adults and Second Chance schools, thereby promoting social inclusion of NEETs – Not engaged in Education, Employment or Training –, improving the quality of education and training and decreasing school drop-out. During the meeting outputs and activities carried out so far by the partners were analyzed and presented. The online platform was launched and the partners analyzed its future structure and content.

The partnership set up a handbook on internships abroad, which is addressed to the different actors involved in mobility experiences and structured according to the different phases of an experience abroad.

The draft of the Manual has been prepared by CESIE that has set up the document, in which are showed the different phases of an experience abroad: preparation, implementation phases and conclusion and evaluation phases. The Manual provides materials and useful tools for the different targets involved: organizations that send and host volunteers; teachers, educators and mentors that support young people during these experiences; and young people involved in mobility.

After completing, the content of the Manual will be available in the digital platform section (Secondchanceeducation.eu). This section, addressed to mobility, will support teachers and trainers that work within Second Chance Schools, and will provide an e-portfolio: a useful interactive tool for teachers and students.

On 24th of April 2015 a public event took place at Cesie, Palermo, in order to introduce the manual for international trainings to the target group of the project, which are young people involved in mobility.

Young people involved in this meeting are volunteers from different European countries that are carrying out the EVS in Palermo and also Italian young people that will carry out a mobility experience abroad. It was an occasion to collect opinion and suggestion by young people to improve the manual.

Afterwards the introduction of DISCO project and the presentation of the digital platform, young people divided into three working groups, discussed and shared their ideas about the manual, the support tools for mobility and the digital platform use. Every group discussed with the partner about the three phases of the mobility (before, during and after) and showed the result in front of the other participants.