

A background image showing two young people, a woman and a man, sitting at a desk and working on a laptop. The woman is in the foreground, looking at the screen, and the man is behind her, also looking at the screen. The image is semi-transparent and serves as a background for the top half of the page.

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Forging pathways to labour market integration through project design, mentoring and professional experience.

Explore our Newsletter to discover the character of the project, where we stand now, what we've accomplished so far, and what's coming up next!

Let's get to know the project!

The YouthPioneer project is a co-funded initiative by the European Social Fund (Social Innovation Initiative) with a duration of two years (December 2024 to December 2026).

It is being implemented in 6 European countries: Italy, Spain, Romania, Bulgaria, Greece, and Cyprus.

Its main goal is to increase the employability of young NEETs by addressing skills gaps in an innovative and collaborative way. Through mentoring, work-based learning, and stakeholder involvement, we empower young people to take an active role in today's evolving economy.

HOW?

- By involving 90 NEET young people in personalised work-based learning pathways tailored to their career aspirations (15 NEETs in each country).
- By providing training and support to young NEETs through a mentoring program and workshops.
- By selecting companies and workplaces committed to training young NEETs.



We are developing Social Innovation through the **YouthPioneer Model (YPM)**.

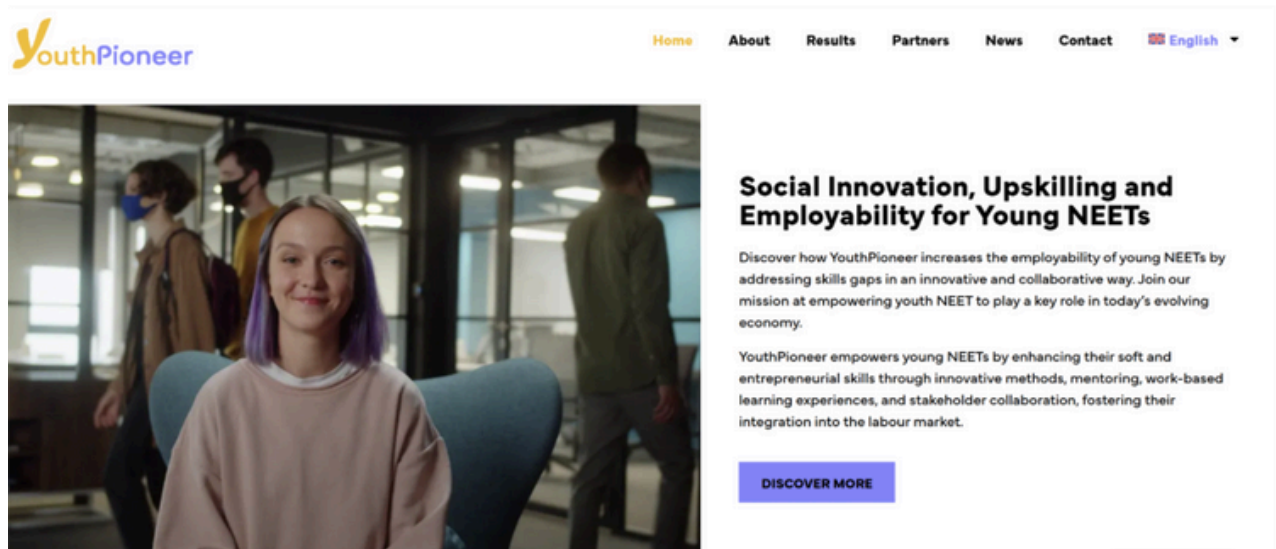
- A multi-actor approach: by involving various stakeholders, including young NEETs, youth organisations, local companies and public authorities. This collaboration pools resources, provides concrete opportunities, and offers significant support and networking for young NEETs.
- A multi-dimensional approach: we build on and expand the results of three successful projects (REBUILD, YOPEVA, StartUp2) and combine a one-to-one approach for needs assessment and mentoring, collaborative trainings, work-based learning, project design, and entrepreneurial pitching to comprehensively address the skills development needs of young NEETs.

YouthPioneer aims to serve as a reference point for all future efforts to enhance the employability of young NEETs in Europe. Our multi-level, multidimensional approach provides both macro- and micro-level support that young NEETs need to succeed in the labor market and fully integrate into society.

Where We Are Now

Our channels are set to light up!

We're on the move! Our communication channels are buzzing with updates for everyone interested. Visit our updated website and follow us on social media to stay in the loop.



You can find access to the project's website and social media on the last page of the newsletter. Don't miss the chance to follow us starting today!

Our very first key result is here!

We rolled up our sleeves early, and the **YouthPioneer Learning Model** is now ready and freely accessible on our website in six languages: English, Italian, Spanish, Greek, Romanian, and Bulgarian.

The YouthPioneer Learning Model is the backbone of the project, combining a methodology that brings together: Public-Private Collaboration for Work-Based Learning, a Mentorship Program, and Project Design & Entrepreneurship Methodology.

Simply click here to go straight to the English version!

Click here →



November–December: Months Dedicated to Skills

From early November to mid-December 2025, the YouthPioneer Skills Online Campaign is running on the project's social media channels. It features 16 digital leaflets, each focusing on a key soft skill highlighted by the project.

The online campaign is linked to the Skills Assessment Tool, which aims to evaluate the current skill set, identifying strengths and areas for improvement. The Skills Assessment Tool will be an interactive online application, soon available with free access on the project's website and social media channels.

For now, follow the progress of the YouthPioneer Online Skills Campaign and get inspired by its insightful content!



The search for those who will benefit most continues!

Currently, communications and information-sharing are ongoing at the local level across all consortium countries, ensuring that YouthPioneer reaches the young NEETs who need it most. The project's main goal is to balance disparities in access to the labor market for young people (16 to 29 years old) who are out of education and employment and at risk of social exclusion.

Visit the website by clicking here, get in touch with the project partners in your country, and help make a difference!

Website



A look at our highlights so far

Palermo: Where everything kicked off with the International Training!

The YouthPioneer journey officially kicked off in Palermo on March 18–19, 2025 with an international training hosted by CESIE. Partners from across Europe came together for two days of dynamic exchange, sharing best practices and building on the successes of REBUILD, YOPEVA, and StartUp2.

This inspiring launch set the tone for YouthPioneer: empowering youth, connecting communities, and shaping opportunities.

Our first video is taking our message everywhere!

The first promotional video of YouthPioneer was released in May 2025. It presents the key information about the project and has so far been showcased in various settings and events to inform and attract the project's main target groups.

The video is in English and includes subtitles in all partner languages to ensure greater accessibility and inclusion.

[Click here to watch and share it →](#)

Our roundtables have sparked the creation of local networks!

Focusing on June 2025, roundtables were organised across all consortium countries with the participation of local authorities, companies, youth organisations, and civil society representatives. The aim was to build strong local networks through dialogue and knowledge exchange to effectively address the challenges young NEETs face in successfully entering the labor market. The tangible outcome of these successful roundtables was the development of **local Action Plans**, which define the role and level of involvement of each stakeholder at various stages of the project.



Connecting young NEETs with businesses and the local community

Over 200 people participated in the project's Networking Events across the six YouthPioneer countries. Young NEETs, business representatives, youth organisations, NGOs, and local authorities had the opportunity to meet, discuss their expectations, dreams, and the realities of the world of work and entrepreneurship, and to initiate collaborations that will culminate in work-based learning activities.



The best is yet to come!

Keep an eye on our channels for the impactful results just around the corner!

Individual sessions to reveal true talents

Between November and December 2025, all one-to-one meetings between young NEETs and the project's youth workers will be completed. These sessions will co-create Individual Plans that reflect the participants' aspirations and outline the steps needed to turn their expectations into reality.

The Skills-Assessment Tool is ready and about to make its debut!

Focusing on eight key soft skill categories, this online tool allows young NEETs to assess their current skill levels, identify areas for improvement, and access educational resources—so that their development begins from the very moment of assessment.

The Project Design Training Programme is set to make a difference!

The training programme has been developed in six languages and will be published shortly. It will also be implemented across all consortium countries, with the participation of qualified trainers and young NEETs.

Work-based Learning: Turning Theory into Action!

With the support of the businesses participating in the project as work-based learning sites, and with the guidance of local community representatives, young NEETs will put their new knowledge into action. They will join everyday professional activities, observe, analyze situations, and design innovative solutions to the challenges each workplace faces—transforming themselves into true YouthPioneers.

Meet our partners



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