

# Generativity Newsletter #1

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*Welcome to the first issue of the **Generativity: manage it!** project newsletter.*

The newsletter provides information about the Erasmus+ funded project **Generativity: manage it!** which aims at fostering the social sector's ability to develop and implement European projects, particularly focusing on Project Cycle Management. The project addresses social sector actors who run daily interventions in the social field: services supporting persons in a situation of homelessness, refugees, migrants, organizations in the education, mental health, disability and training areas.

We hope you will find it a useful and informative read! However, if you do not wish to receive it, please email [Ruth Kasper](mailto:Ruth.Kasper) to unsubscribe.

**Generativity: Fostering the social sector to design & successfully implement European projects**

The **Generativity** project responds to key questions faced by most third sector organisations which want to develop and implement European projects to further their impact. **Generativity** partners developed a comprehensive set of 6 training modules which address the following challenges:

- *How to find suitable resources to turn ideas into projects*
- *How to develop and write a proposal following Project Cycle Management (PCM)*
- *How to build up the necessary skills to successfully implement a project as a partnership*

### **Providing material & training on project development & management**

**Generativity** provides content and training to social sector actors who run daily interventions in the social field: services supporting persons in a situation of homelessness, refugees, migrants, organizations in the education, mental health, disability and training areas. All content is provided open access. Materials and training developed and provided within the **Generativity** project

- *add to staff capacity to design and implement collaborative European projects,*
- *support staff and social sector organizations in their acquisition of ICT and PCM skills.*

### **What happened so far: Generativity milestones**

#### **Milestone #1: Launch Generativity bibliography**

The [Generativity bibliography](#) offers a big selection of relevant literature on project development & implementation and PCM, for instance:

[\*Project Cycle Management Guidelines\*](#), European Commission, 2004.

[\*Project Cycle Management Training Handbook\*](#), European Commission, 2003.

[\*Project Management in Practice: Evaluating a Case Project through Project Management Theories\*](#), Uusitalo J., 2013.

Wideman R. M., [\*The Role of the Project Life Cycle \(Life Span\) in Project Management A literature review\*](#), 2004.

## Milestone #2: Staff training on PCM

The ***Generativity*** training modules have been developed in a collaborative way, taking in the available expertise and experiences of all partner organizations.

In June 2017, all partners met for a 5-days joint staff training event to

- present and discuss the *Generativity* learning modules in the partnership, collect comments and feedback to shape the final version;
- provide a space for extensive knowledge sharing and exchange between expert partners and the other partner organizations.



Partners widely disseminated the staff training event through communication channels

- Blog posts published during the training on the *Generativity* [website](#);
- blog post on the [Generativity subsite](#) hosted on the FEANTSA website;
- publication of a short [video](#) summarizing the training;
- Danmar published an [article](#) on the relevance of the *Generativity* concept to support organizations to continue growing and developing new ideas and projects.

### **Milestone #3: Valorisation of modules by external users**

Starting from mid-December 2017, modules are tested and valorised by students of the University of Thessaly (Greece). Testing follows a thorough design.

The **final training modules** will be published on the *Generativity* [platform](#) in early 2018, in 6 languages (EN, NL, FR, IT, PL, EL). They will be disseminated through multiplier events in all project countries: Belgium, Cyprus, France, Greece, Italy, Poland and the UK.

### **Disseminating at local level: Activities in partner countries**

- Presentation to BICAS project partnership: BICAS – Building intercultural competencies for ambulance services – involves social service providers, organizations working with migrants & refugees, non-profit adult education providers, 12/2016;
- Presentation at regional job fairs in Rzeszow, Poland, 02/2017;
- Workshop on PCM as part of the Housing First Summer School organized by fioPSD, Italy, 07/2017;
- [Article](#) on how the Generativity concept can contribute to questions arising in senior adult life (in Polish), 03/2017:

### **... and European level**

- *Generativity* was presented at the interactive PCM workshop at the annual FEANTSA policy conference, with participants from homeless services, social sector organizations, and academia, 05/2017;
- Material and information related to the above-mentioned workshop at the FEANTSA conference was provided to EU funds project managers within the LinkedIn group *Project Management Education* with 15 000 single members, 06/2017.

### **Ressources: Calls for projects at European level**

#### **Continuous learning & learning exchange: Erasmus+ calls for 2018:**

##### [Key Action 1: Learning mobility of individuals in the field of education, training and youth](#)

Allows individuals to travel to and attend seminars, trainings and the like abroad (travel costs covered), deadline 1 February

### Key Action 2: Cooperation for Innovation and Exchange of Good Practices:

- Strategic partnerships in the field of youth: Funds projects which aim at developing innovative ideas, outputs & actions & implement those, deadlines 1 February & 26 April & 4 October
- Strategic partnerships in the field of education, training, deadline 21 March
- Capacity building in the field of higher education, deadline 8 February
- Capacity building in the field of youth, deadline 8 March

### Key Action 3: Support for policy reform

- Structured Dialogue: Meetings between young people and decision-makers in the field of youth, deadlines 1 February & 26 April & 4 October
- Funding for non-for-profit sport events, deadline 5 April

### **Migration-specific call: Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF), 1 March 2018**

AMIF is currently calling for proposals on various migration-related topics:

- Raising Awareness on migrant's contribution to EU Societies
- Community Building at local level for integration including through volunteering activities
- Promote swift integration of TCNs into the labour market through strengthened cooperation and mobilisation of employers and social and economic partners
- Integration of victims of trafficking in human beings

The full list of calls is [available here](#).

### **Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme (REC): Restricted call for proposals to address gender gaps over the life-cycle, 22 February 2018**

The REC programme funds projects which aim at defending the rights and freedoms that people are entitled to under EU law. It funds projects which

- promote non-discrimination, combat racism, xenophobia, homophobia and other forms of intolerance,
- promote gender equality and gender mainstreaming,
- prevent violence against children, women and other groups at risk.

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The current call [restricted call for proposals to address gender gaps over the life-cycle](#) will fund projects that analyse existing gender gaps and develop effective measures to tackle them.

***Keep in touch & check out the Generativity platform:***

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