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*Welcome to the fourth **Generativity: manage it** project newsletter!*

This is the fourth - and final - newsletter dedicated to the project ***Generativity: manage it!.***
The newsletter will walk you through 2 years of successful project implementation*,* building the capacity of social sector organizations to develop and successfully implement European level projects.

This newsletter brings together the most interesting and innovative results and moments of the *Generativity* project.
The newsletter will walk you from the kick-off meeting all through the development of the 3 main project outputs - the *Generativity* platform**,** the online training modules and the tutorials. The project mainly addresses staff working with social sector organizations: services which support people in a situation of homelessness, migrants, refugees, as well as adult learning providers, as well as organizations in the education, mental health, disability and training sectors. *Generativity* addresses both organizations working at local, regional and national levels as well as those working at European level.
The main aim of the *Generativity* outputs is to enable social sector organizations to successfully develop and implement transnational projects. All 3 main outputs are available in Dutch, English, French, Greek, Italian and

As in the previous newsletters, the last part of the newsletter will provide an extensive collection of **upcoming calls** for projects at European level.

We hope you will find it a useful and informative read!

Generativity kick-off meeting Turin, October 2016

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

How it all began

The *Generativity* project kicked off on a beautiful sunny early autumn day in October 2016. The 9 partners from 7 different European countries met in Turin to get to know each other and to agree on a joint work plan for the following 24 months.

What for?

The Generativity project was designed to respond to fundamental questions which most third sector organisations face in terms of developing and implementing European projects:

- 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?

The sources and documents that are the foundation of the *Generativity* training modules are accessible through the *Generativity* online [bibliography](). The bibliography offers a big selection of relevant literature on project development and implementation as well as on Project Cycle Management (PCM), the conceptual framework of the training modules. The bibliography also provides relevant documents published by the European Commission as one of the most important funders of social sector projects.

PCM bibliography

Highlight #2: Development of the online training modules

The *Generativity* partners developed a comprehensive set of training modules which support social sector organiztions to build their capacity to develop and implement transnational projects. The modules cover all aspects related to project development and implementation, as described in detail below, and allows for self-directed online learning.

The modules were jointly developed by the project partners who contributed knowledge from different fields of expertise. *Generativity* brings together higher education institutions ([University of Thessaly]()), ICT experts ([CARDET](), [Danmar](), [Diciannove]()), an evaluation expert (European Evaluation Company, EEC) as well as organizations that provide support and services to socially disadvantaged groups and are involved in advocacy work at national and European levels ([Fédération des acteurs de la solidarité](), [fio.PSD]() and [FEANTSA]()). Project partners met on Syros, Greece, for a 5-days workshop, to share knowledge and provide extensive feedback to the existing training content. Each session was dedicated to a different topic and aspect of project development and implementation. Expert partners presented the so-far developed content and the other partners received and validated the training and provided valuable feedback to improve the final version of the modules. The *Generativity* learning modules are the outcome of this intensive exchange.

>>> Check out the short video shot during the workshop

The 6 online training modules cover a range of topics and aspects related to project development, implementation and valorisation. Each module features a short **self-test** to check whether users have captured the most important content.

Module 0- Things to know when applying for EU funds
Provides an introduction to the *Generativity* modules and to the essentials of Project Cycle Management (PCM) which was adopted by the European Commission as a useful and evidence-based framework for project development and implementation.

> *Self-test 0*

Module 1 - Financial and programmatic priorities of the EU2020 strategy within various funding programs
The European Commission defined 5 target areas with specific goals for each area to be achieved by 2020: employment, innovation, climate change, education and poverty/social inclusion. Module 1 explains how to relate your project idea to these target areas and goals and also talks about the Flagship Initiatives that form part of the EU2020 Strategy.

> *Self-test 1*

Module 2 - Structuring an innovative and sustainable project idea
provides tools towards the development of a well-structured project idea. Module 2 explains how to reach results through a set of well-defined activities, how to perform a SWOT analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats) and how to structure a project idea using the *Problem Tree* and *Solutions Tree*.

> *Self-test 2*

Module 3 - Building an international, national, local partnership
Bringing together the right partners is key for building a successful project. Module 3 will focus on this aspect. It will also introduce *AdminProject*, a useful IT tool for managing transnational projects, which allows to assign tasks, share content, report work time and features many more functions.

> *Self-test 3*

Commission provides very useful guidance through the often complicated submission procedures of project calls issued by the European Commission. Module 4 presents different sources of information and documents not to be missed out on by applicants and also explains important administrative procedures (e.g. how to use the 'ECAS' online application system, how to get a PIC etc.).

> *Self-test 4*

Module 5 - Implementation, evaluation, valorisation, dissemination, exploitation of project results
Once a project proposal was accepted, what are the next steps? Module 5 guides project manager and partners through the successful implementation of their project and explains how to monitor project progress, how to disseminate a project and its outcomes efficiently and gives advice on how to keep your project 'alive' after the official funding period has ended.
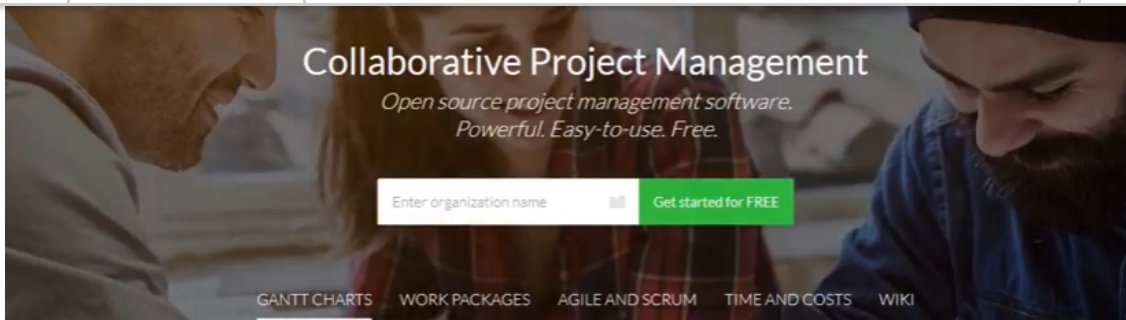
> *Self-test 5*

To support the online training modules, *Generativity* produced a series of short videos – the *tutorials* – which help users to familiarize themselves with different project management programmes:

Highlight #3: The tutorials

Each tutorial is dedicated to a specific project management programme or social media tool. Tutorials are available on the following programmes and tools: Open Project, an open source project management software, AdminProject, a licensed project management software, google drive, dropbox, twitter and Facebook.

We recommend you to start with checking out the following tutorials:

OpenProject tutorial 1 - First steps into OpenProject

OpenProject tutorial 2 - Manage your project with Openproject

OpenProject tutorial 3 - Admin & user profiles

AdminProject 1 - Introduction

AdminProject 2 - Create a workspace

AdminProject 3 - Communication functions, assigning tasks, file management

AdminProject 4 - To-do-lists

AdminProject 5 - Create & run evaluation surveys

AdminProject tutorial 6 - Work time reporting

**Discover the *Generativity* tutorials which are available
in Dutch, English, French, Greek, Italian, Polish.**

Resources: Calls for projects at European level

Continuous learning & learning exchange: Forthcoming Erasmus+
calls for 2018

aimed at gaining digital skills and the ErasmusPro initiative aims at boosting long term mobility for VET learners. A new 'Schools Exchange Partnerships' format has been included under the Strategic Partnerships stream to help schools better finding their way into cooperation projects. The action 'Sector Skills Alliances' has been reintroduced to this Programme Guide. Sector Skills Alliances aim at tackling skills gaps with regard to one or more occupational profiles in a specific sector. They do so by identifying existing or emerging sector-specific labour market needs and by enhancing the responsiveness of initial and continuing vocational education and training systems to the new labour market needs.

The last Erasmus+ submission deadlines for 2018 are the following:

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 4 October

Key Action 2: Cooperation for Innovation and Exchange of Good Practices:
Strategic partnerships in the field of youth, deadline 4 October

Key Action 3: Support for policy reform
Structured Dialogue: Meetings between young people and decision-makers in the field of youth, deadline 4 October

New calls for all Key Actions are expected for early 2019 / spring 2019.

Stay informed about **selected projects** for the different Erasmus+ calls:

- **news section** of the *Generativity* platform http://generativity.eu/news/
- Erasmus+ website https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/news_en

Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme (REC)

Call for proposals to prevent and combat gender-based violence and violence against children, deadline 13 November 2018
The REC programme funds projects which aim at defending the rights and freedoms that people are entitled to under EU law, often with regard to specific vulnerable groups such as women and children victims of domestic violence, Roma, or migrants.

gender-based violence. Proposals can aim for improving protection and support for victims and witnesses of domestic violence, including through tackling under-reporting, promoting multi-disciplinary cooperation, and capacity building for relevant professionals. Activities may include mutual learning, exchange of good practices, cooperation design and implementation of protocols, development of working methods which may be transferable to other regions or countries, capacity building and training for professionals, awareness-raising and education activities.

[Call for proposals to support national or transnational projects on non-discrimination and Roma integration,](#) 9 October 2018

This REC call specifically addresses the situation of discrimination and exclusion of many Roma communities in Europe. The call supports projects which aim at contributing to the integration and non-discrimination of Roma groups. Projects can include a variety of activities:

- data collection and surveying, monitoring the implementation of non-discrimination legislation;
- training of professionals, mutual learning;
- capacity building and empowerment;
- exchange of good practices and identifying best practices which are transferable to other participating countries;
- dissemination and awareness raising activities, conferences and campaigns.

[Call for proposals to prevent and combat racism, xenophobia and other forms of intolerance,](#) 4 October 2018

This call is aimed at supporting projects focusing on preventing and combating racism, xenophobia and other forms of intolerance, preventing hatred by fostering tolerance and social cohesion, improving responses on hate crime and hate speech, including but not limited to means of criminal law and supporting victims of hate crime and hate speech.

These objectives can be achieved through the following activities:

- Build capacity of public authorities, civil society and other relevant actors to respond to hate crime and hate speech and interact with victims, in particular through training activities;
- ensure support and protection for victims of hate crime and hate speech, including through the development and strengthening of victim support services and/or addressing the issue of underreporting;
- achieve strengthened cooperation between key actors such as national and/or local authorities, civil society organisations, targeted communities,

Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF)

[Call for local and regional integration networks](), deadline 31 January 2019

The AMIF call aims at supporting the implementation of the **European Action Plan on integration**.

The European Commission adopted an Action Plan on the integration of third-country nationals. The Action Plan is a general policy framework for integration and includes actions to support Member States across all policy areas related to integration. In order to promote the exchange of experiences on this topic at EU level, the Commission will fund transnational projects setting-up network of regions and cities to work together on integration. These projects will allow transfer of knowledge, exchange of practices and experiences at local and regional level across Member States. Projects will give the possibility to local authorities who have been confronted with integration only recently and are less experienced in the field of integration/migration, to benefit from the knowledge and practices developed by experienced local authorities.

The networks funded under this call should aim at exchanging and transferring knowledge and best practices in all relevant areas of integration, and in particular:

- Setting up of local or regional strategies and policies in the field of integration
- Setting up of "one-stop-shop" structures for integration or local integration centres
- Housing
- Education and training
- Access to basic services, including health services
- Integration in the labour market
- Promoting active participation and social inclusion
- Favouring exchanges between migrants and the host society as well as raise awareness on the benefits of integration

Possible activities are:

- Trainings, workshops, transfer of knowledge and mutual learning activities aiming at transferring and sharing knowledge on integration,
- technical assistance from members of the network for setting up and implementing projects to local and regional authorities in the field of integration,

- create tools or platforms to facilitate the dissemination of know-how and best practices.

Project duration can vary between 24 and 36 months, the minimal and maximum grant requested depends on the priority. There are 5 thematic priorities of which only one should be addressed by a proposal:

1. Local and regional networks for the integration of third-country nationals
2. Legal migration projects with third countries
3. Integration of third country nationals who are victims of human trafficking
4. Care for migrant minors, including unaccompanied minors
5. Engagement of diaspora communities on awareness raising

The Call Document and the Guide for Applicants provide detailed information on the call.

This was the Generativity project!

The *Generativity* partnership THANKS YOU for your interest and invites you to keep in touch on http://generativity.eu

All materials will continue to be available online after the end of the funding period.

Feel free to contact Ruth Kasper, *Generativity* project officer at FEANTSA, for any questions or comments!

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