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Project description

The project aims to set up the "Concordia Vocational School", which will provide vocational training to people from Romania, Moldavia and Bulgaria, with a certain focus on marginalised communities, including the Roma. The training schedule will combine the theoretical approach with intensive practice stages and internships (in the beneficiary countries as well as in Austria) in view of supporting the integration of the target group on the labour market from the early stages of their vocational training. The project will start with a regional vocational training needs assessment study, which will try determining the real labour market needs and the human capacity in the three targeted countries. The aim of the project is to use the extensive know-how that exists in the Austrian vocational training system; however, the expertise will be carefully adapted to the specific needs of the local labour markets.

Project goal

The overall objective of the project is to build the largest vocational training school in specific occupations (ex.: baker, pastry, miller), replicating the Austrian experience in vocational training. The vocational school will be an alternative training opportunity for people interested in these occupations. According to the experience of the pilot school in Prahova county, similar vocational schools will be developed also in Bulgaria and Moldova.

Beneficiaries and target groups

The trainees will come from:- Concordia foundation (30 %) - NGOs, foundations, placement centres (30%)- Socially disadvantaged families (40%). Through its activity the Concordia vocational school will promote social cohesion, will fight poverty and social exclusion and will offer the best training and promote lifelong learning.

Constraints and risk appraisal

The vocational training system in Romania was dramatically affected by the transition from a centralised economy to a market economy. The old public system of vocational schools has extinguished and the new public vocational education system provides a poor answer to the specific results of the new economy and of the society as a whole.

Type of financial product searching for

- Grant

Sectors

- Research, education and information and labour market

Countries engaged in the project

- Austria
- Bulgaria
- Moldova
- Romania