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## Kick Off Meeting

The Kick Off Meeting (KOM) took place on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> September 2020 via Skype due to COVID 19. Since a first online meeting had already taken place in April 2020, in which the partners had already introduced themselves and presented the institutions, the partners proceeded directly to the assessment of the project's status.

Each partner presented the status of the Work Package (WP) he/she is coordinating, with special focus being given to the the discussion of the WP2: "Blended Training Course" and WP3: "Toolkit development". Concerning WP3, the partners also discussed which platform should be used to host the SCoopConSS Toolkit.

Partners also presented the next steps of the project regarding Cross-European workshops and school experimentation ...

Do not miss the next chapters' scenes!!!

The news is about to come out of the oven, warm and appetizing, to feed the training focused on social entrepreneurship in schools.



## SCoopConSS RESEARCH...

### ... Teachers



SCoopConSS research was out for teachers!

In order to gather evidence to effectively close the gaps in teaching for social entrepreneurship, the SCoopConSS team conducted 60 interviews with teachers in order to identify the main issues to be considered for the design of a training programme aimed at enhancing teachers' competences on cooperative business, cooperative and project based teaching methods, multidisciplinary and open

schooling approaches (promotion of innovative teaching methods). In addition, each partner from the SCoopConSS team selected 10 secondary education teachers interested on the SCoopConSS project and willing to participate in the piloting activities.

If you are a teacher and want to build your teaching activities with social cooperative business model or a member of social cooperative/enterprise and want to share social cooperative values among youth, check the [research](#) section in our website and investigate more about the [SCoopConSS project](#).

**Join us and start your sustainable journey with us!**





### ... Social Cooperatives

Evidence-based practice is an approach that makes it possible to improve quality in teaching and day-to-day activities and economy.

In order to be efficient, the SCoopConSS team collected information from 180 representatives of Social cooperatives about the real state of social entrepreneurship in each country, the gaps and suggestions for improvement.



### GOOD PRACTICES...



### ... Partners' projects

Research and evidence collection continued and the team compiled a set of good practices carried out on projects in which each partner is involved! This is the start of a knowledge path for teachers who aim for a more cooperative and entrepreneurial European teaching network.

### ... Social Enterprises

It is not enough to gather information on partner projects and the curiosity to learn more and improve sharpens the demand. Thus, considering the representatives of Social Cooperatives and Teachers' interviews, the SCoopConSS team gathered information on the good practices indicated by the representatives of social cooperatives, which will be available on the project's website.





## GET TO WORK!

### TRAINING NEEDS...



With all the information gathered, the team created a training needs report document and is carrying out a compilation of Open Educational Resources to be accessed and consulted, not only by project partners, but also by any person who is interested in getting to know more about social and cooperative ideas or wants to dig deeper into the data collected by the project consortium.

### ... Report conclusions

From the analysis to the identification of training needs in the field of organizational intervention, most respondents concluded that education for social entrepreneurship is not carried out in their countries. Furthermore, it was also found that there are few social cooperatives in each of the partner countries.

From this analysis it is possible to infer that there are emerging problems at national level from the point of view of methods, techniques and work strategies related to social entrepreneurship, concluding that greater investment is needed to support the teaching of this topic.

### ... Why?

Entrepreneurship education helps students from all socioeconomic backgrounds to think outside the box and nurture unconventional talents and skills. It creates opportunities, ensures social justice, instills confidence and stimulates the economy. Entrepreneurship education is a lifelong learning process, should start as early as elementary school and progress through all levels of education, including adult education.



### ... How?



The most important conclusion is that education should not focus on transferring knowledge about entrepreneurial concepts and preparing students to be social entrepreneurs, but rather on developing transversal skills that employers value the most and raising awareness about values that social economy brings to the society.





### ... Teachers practice... should it change?

In order to prepare the teachers for the implementation of such education, they should be connected with the social cooperative representatives who would guide them and their students, and help them in the learning process. In addition, teachers stress the need of educational materials and didactic tools they can use while mentoring students. They are very interested in using new and innovative methodologies in their work.



## VISIT OUR WEBSITE

We had launched the project's new website: <https://scoopconss.eu/> but you can like us on [Facebook](#) or follow us and engage the discussion about the project on [LinkedIn](#).

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**Enjoy the reading and stay tuned!**

The **ScoopConSS team!**

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