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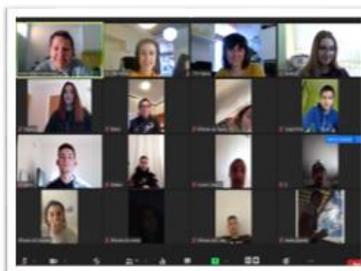
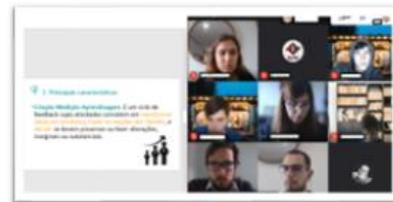
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The piloting stage of ScoopConSS project (January - May 2021)

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, an alternative path for the experimentation of the training programme aimed at the development of cooperative business competences among secondary schools' teachers and learners was designed. Therefore, the partnership has elaborated a new version of the cross-European workshops action plan, which was mostly structured on the integration of online workshops for teachers and mentored online sessions for students, maintaining a reduced but extremely relevant collaboration with representatives and experts in the cooperative business model. This new online program consists of 3 phases, two of which have already been described in the third e-newsletter: 3 webinars for teachers and Exploiting the OERs for introducing the topic to the students. As of January 2021, the phase Online Mentoring for Schools: Teachers and Students began. In this stage, partners were asked to cooperate with each teacher for the organisation of online workshops for students, each one followed by specific tasks to be implemented by the working groups in the period before the upcoming workshop. The main objective was to provide an adequate mentorship to both teachers and students in the simulation of a cooperative business project planning, as well as to monitor the ongoing process of each school in getting ready for the participation at the ScoopConSS contest. All piloting partners conducted more than 10 online sessions in which students, teachers, project staff, and local entrepreneurs participated.



The piloting process in Italy, Portugal, Spain, Croatia and Greece





The EU SCOOP! National Contests (June – July 2021)

The first edition of the EU Scoop! was a contest of cooperative business ideas for sustainable development, organised in each pilot country, that evaluates and rewards projects developed and presented by the participating students, guided by the teachers who participated in the piloting. The best ideas have been awarded and one team was selected to participate in the international finals in Italy. The evaluation of the participating teams consisted of the following criteria: (1) consistency of the idea, (2) originality and feasibility of the product on the market, (3) marketing and promotion, (4) financial resources management, (5) contribution to Sustainable Development Goals, (6) social innovation and (7) presentation of the project idea.

The National Winners



Croatia



The EU! Scoop Croatia Winners – Cooperative Drava

Seven teams from seven VET schools in Croatia participated in the competition for best social cooperative idea, which was held in Rijeka on 19th of June 2021. After all the groups presented their social cooperative idea, the jury had a difficult task to decide which idea was the best. The jury consisted of 3 experts in the field of social entrepreneurship, Ana Janežić (Step Ri Science and Technology Park of the University of Rijeka), Helena Traub (Association Žmergo) and Dario Zorić (Rijeka Development Agency PORIN). The winner of the Croatian National Scoop! competition is Cooperative Drava, an idea developed by students from Donji Miholjac Secondary School, which was selected as the most comprehensive in response to social needs of the local community.





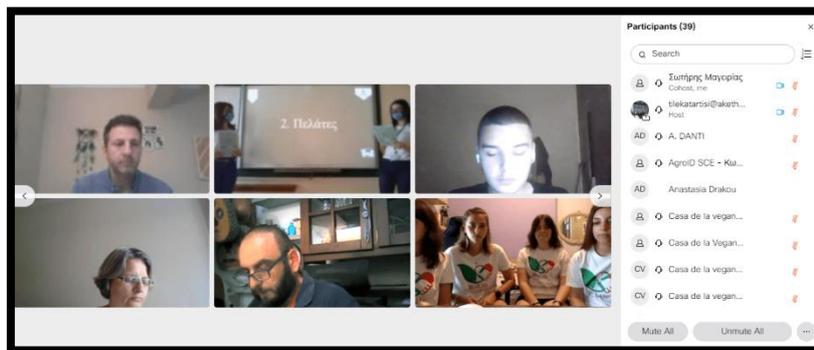
The winning project



Cooperative Drava's Logo

The Croatian winning team developed a cooperative which will address the biggest problems in their local community: unemployment, social exclusion, unused nature potential and resources and lack of cultural and social content. School cooperative Drava created a two-phase project which will renew their local community. Phase one consists of renovation of city gardens, cultivation of different agricultural plants, production and sales of homemade products. The second phase consist of restoration of river Drava coastline and opening a camp with different cultural content. This will create new job opportunities, activate the community and increase its visibility in the region.

Greece



The EU! Scoop was held online in Greece

In 11th of June 2021, Greek teachers and their students took part in the 1st Edition of SCoopConSS contest.

In Greece, the contest was held online due to the pandemic, but that didn't affect the efforts of the participating teams, since they presented "excellent organized and sustainable ideas of social cooperatives", as our jury of 3 experts concluded.





The winner of the Greek National Scoop! competition is ergaZWmai Cooperative, an idea developed by students from Fryganiotis Secondary School, which was selected as the most comprehensive in response to social needs of the local community!

The winning project



ergaZWmai's Logo

The S.C.E. ergaZWmai concerns the conception and implementation of an innovative idea, according to which, them, 9th grade students, will act as members of the Administrative Council of the enterprise and try to connect multiple teams (of investors, volunteers, clients, people from the government, etc) with the view of housing the homeless, in a safe and permanent way, and also socializing them again. This is happening, via medical care, sufficient fulfilment of their biological needs and of course by giving them a job, which would be equivalent to their potential and skills.

Italy



The EU! Scoop in Italy was held in Colfiorito





Last July 2021 in Colfiorito (Italy), within European Project “SCoopConSS”, the social enterprise “Strade VERDI” designed by Students at the High School “ITET Aldo Capitini” in Perugia won the National Contest.

“Strade VERDI” is a business simulation that offers a transport service in the municipality of Magione and neighbouring municipalities with rechargeable electric cars equipped with photovoltaic panels. The project comes from the idea of solving the city’s mobility problems due to the lack of public transport, meeting the wishes of citizens, complementing and supporting the actions of local authorities, and tackling the problem of an ageing population.

The winning project



Strade Verdi's Logo

Helping to solve the city’s mobility problems due to the lack of public transport, meeting the wishes of citizens, complementing and supporting the actions of local authorities, and tackling the problem of an ageing population are the objectives for the creation of this cooperative.

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 Portugal



The EU! Scoop Portugal Winners – Spongelove

The winner of the Portuguese National EU Scoop! competition is Spongelove, an idea developed by 6 students from Externato Oliveira Martins, which was selected as the most complete in response to the social needs of Espinho, the city where the school is located. Three teams from three VET schools in Aveiro District participated in the competition for electing the best social cooperative idea, which was held in Espinho, on the 16th of July 2021.

After all the groups presented their social cooperative idea, the jury had a difficult task to decide which idea was the best. The jury consisted of 2 experts in two different fields: Miguel Reis, architect, teacher and current local leader of the ruling political party in Portugal and elected city mayor, and César Reis, who has a great experience in managing projects dedicated to social promotion.

The winning project



Spongelove's Logo

Spongelove's aim is to develop and market cleaning sponges that are environmentally friendly, reusable and made from plastic bags, addressing the same problem (damaging the environment) in





two distinct ways: producing a fully recyclable and sustainable product by collecting plastic bags, which pollute our planet. Its target audience are environmentally conscious people, who are charged with carrying out household chores with a sense of responsibility for the environment.

 Spain



The EU! Scoop Spain Winners – EduNature

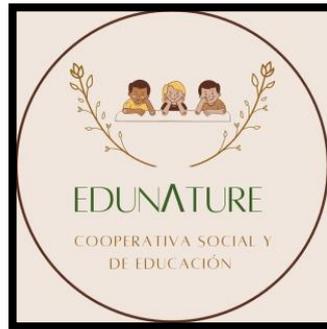
On the 28th of June, the final event of the national phase of the SCoopConSS project took place virtually, given the COVID-19 circumstances. During the ceremony, the winning project and the two honourable mentions were announced. The EFA La Malvesía, with its EDUNATURE project, won the first prize (a prize that is worth a ticket to the international final in Florence). The IES Ángel Corella, with ECOOP GRANJA, and the IES Francisco Tomás y Valiente, with Aires de Huerta, obtained the first and second honourable mention, respectively.

The announcement of the awards was preceded by an informative session on mobility opportunities in the European Union to work and apply for internships, carried out by Elena Argudo, the director of projects and the member's office of the FPEmpresa VET Schools Association.





The winning project



EduNature's Logo

EDUNATURE Cooperative is a social economy entity that seeks to give value to the territory and nature. Through the Cooperative, projects will be presented to be carried out in territories with economic, labour and environmental needs. Their main objective is to give value to the rural environment, agriculture, livestock, forestry, heritage of the areas of action, promoting environmental education projects and at the same time help to know, value and respect what the environment that surrounds us.

Next Steps

Partners will now prepare their teams to participate in the grand final of the international EU SCOOP! competition, which will take place at the end of September in Florence, Italy. The occasion will also be used by the partners to hold the last transnational meeting.

After the competition, the partners will meet with teachers from each country to promote Coaching Circles, to find out their feedback about the project.

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