



## YouthImpact+ PROJECT

### Promoting quality, innovation, and recognition of youth work

#### What is Innovation Frontiers?

The YouthImpact+ is project funded by the European Union Programme ERASMUS+ (key action KA205 e.g., Strategic Partnerships for youth, under the grant contract 2020-3-UK01-KA205-094370), spanning 26 months (2021-2023). YouthImpact+ aims at promoting quality, innovation, and recognition of youth work through the platform and outputs, for it is an overarching theme and strategic objective of the 2019-2027 Youth Goals. All-in-all, YouthImpact+ aims at increasing and maintaining the quality of Youth work across Europe is key to achieving the Youth Goals, via ensuring youth organisations and youth workers enhance their competences in project management disciplines, facilitating high quality opportunities and support for the youths engaged with them.

#### Youth Impact+ digital environment

The project addresses, among others, Youth Goal 10 e.g., “Sustainable Green Europe”: the YouthImpact+ digital tool cuts out the need to physically meet to be able to carry out a deep measurement of project impact. The digital tool, which design and production is led by the partner Innovation Frontiers (Greece), is an interactive, user-managed tool which allows youth workers and project coordinators to quantify the social and environmental impacts of European funded projects and programmes. The project delivers innovation via structuring a scalable and modular tool which addresses key aspects of European Youth policy and digitizes it, aligns it with other existing European goals.

Youth Impact+ secures an efficient technical integration implemented via a participatory approach, e.g., incorporating the contribution of a series of stakeholders besides the project’s target group who are Youth Workers and Youth. These stakeholders specifically contribute to ideating the design, usability and functionality aspects of the e-course through a set of two blended meetings.

The technical implementation and integration of the platform is also led by Innovation Frontiers through constant monitoring and tweaking based on the initial stakeholder input and internal peer review.

The platform development approach considers practical, aesthetic and accessibility aspects based around the needs and requirements of the target group, drawing on the experience of the consortium with each of these tools, and the requirements as set out by the stakeholders.

The first stakeholder’s blended meeting gathers initial thoughts and inputs on the e-course, and the second meeting showcases a prototype e-course to facilitate stakeholders in- depth feedback and recommendations for changes prior to implement the second piloting phase.

Youth Impact+ digital environment ensures a key component of the European Union (EU) ‘FAIR Principles’ E.G., principles which stands for of making data Findable, Accessible, Interoperable and Re-usable (FAIR). The project’s safeguards the implementation of the FAIR principles to maximise



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the integrity and impact of the project's innovation framework. That way, the project participates in delivering on the EU agenda for learning frameworks via an open-access data platform and complies with the EU and UNESCO framework Open Educational Resources (OER) via free access creation and licensing of all teaching, learning, and research materials incorporated in the e-course.

The resulting integrated material is characterised by a dynamic, interactive course for the project's identified target groups, that facilitates learning how to use and properly integrate the YouthImpact+ tool and platform into their planned or existing youth initiatives and projects. All-in-all, YouthImpact+ delivers an integrated tool supported by a platform and an e-course to assist Youth workers enhance their capacities to implement measures to maximise impact and assess those measures efficiently

## More updates

If you are interested in exploring new innovative tools and the project's updates, please contact: [ana.tokos@theopportunitycentre.com](mailto:ana.tokos@theopportunitycentre.com)

## Partners

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- IAAD (Turkey)
- Innovation Frontiers IKE (Greece)
- EDUCENTRUM ZU (Czech Republic)
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- Asociatia Centrul pentru Dezvoltarea Instrumentelor Structurale-CPDIS (Romania)

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