



Strategies to Utilise and Cultivate positive
Characteristics & Employability Skills in Schools

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The Project

SUCCESS is funded by the European Commission under the ERASMUS+ program Strategic Partnerships for School Education. The project was launched in September 2017 with 24 months duration. It is implemented in five countries (Lithuania, Cyprus, Greece, Ireland & Italy). The consortium consists of 6 expert organizations: Vilnius University (Coordinator) in Lithuania, GrantXpert Consulting Ltd and the Institute of Development Ltd in Cyprus, ICEPE - Institute of Child Education and Psychology in Ireland, HAPPSY - Hellenic Association of Positive Psychology in Greece and CESIE - European Centre for Studies and Initiatives in Italy.

The partners are considered "pioneers" and well-known in the domain of training and developing educational materials based on Positive Psychology, Career counselling & Employability skills at national and EU level.

SUCCESS is innovative as it attempts to introduce Positive Psychology (well being, resilience, character strengths, and positive emotions) and basic Employability Skills (communication, creativity, critical thinking, motivation, teamwork) to adolescents. Skills and knowledge will be acquired through active paradigms of learning such as, cooperative learning, real case studies, role playing, mind mapping, problem solving activities.



AIMS & GOALS

The main goal of SUCCESS is to educate school counsellors in all participating countries to transfer new knowledge and skills to school settings at a national and an EU level. It aims at creating an innovative training package for school counsellors (a manual and hands-on activities, tools and practical exercises) based on Positive Psychology principles that will support students after they graduate from high schools.



Above: The SUCCESS team at the kick off meeting in Vilnius University, Lithuania

Kick-off Meeting

A SUCCESSful kick-off meeting was held on 24th and 25th of October, 2017 in Vilnius, LITHUANIA at the premises of Vilnius University (Coordinator of the project). All project partners were actively involved in the meeting providing vital resources and expertise in planning the project's next activities.

The Partner Organizations participated were:

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