Dear partner,

I'm writing on behalf of <u>CESIE</u>, a European centre of studies and initiatives based in Palermo, Italy.

We would like to cooperate with you under the upcoming Erasmus+ calls, joining forces on new successful project ideas in the fields of **education, training and youth**.

We know you have experience in the field, so we look forward to exploring future partnership opportunities with your institution.

If you are looking for partners for your project proposal under the Erasmus+ Programme in 2018, we would be glad to contribute as a partner, **offering our expertise in EU project planning and management.** 

<u>CESIE</u> was founded in 2001 in Palermo, based on experiences of our inspirer: sociologist <u>Danilo Dolci</u>. We work in promotion of community development through capacity building and empowerment of individuals through educational initiatives for various target groups with particular focus on vulnerable groups.

CESIE is experienced working as a coordinator and partner through European funding programmes, including LLP, Erasmus+, Daphne III, REC and Justice, Horizon 2020, ENPI, EuropeAid, etc.

#### **CESIE** numbers

60 Internal Staff working at local level and through EU cooperation

150 External Experts (researchers, social workers, trainers, etc.)

#### Networks

200+ organizations in CESIE International Network

Local network including educational stakeholders, disability centers, migrants' and refugees' centers, schools, associations, SMEs, etc.

Dissemination potential through a number of <u>networks</u>.

Since 2001 we have carried out more than 600 projects. Here are some of the most successful actions:

#### **School Education**

- Enhancing professional development, supporting teachers in dealing with diversity in classroom and in adopting innovative methods, through <u>Cultural</u> <u>diversity, body, gender, health in early childhood education; EnhanCing</u> <u>Learning Performance of Migrant Children in PRimary School</u>
- Promoting the acquisition of skills and competences mainstreaming digital competence provision through <u>Multilingual education in preschool age</u>
- Training teachers and providing policy recommendations for strategies to reduce early school leaving through <u>Non-formal learning methods for Student</u> <u>Motivation; onlinE PrOfessional Development in Second chance Education</u>

## VET

- Increase employability and developing VET partnerships based on work-based learning, through <u>reNEWAble e-VEt learning</u>
- Establishing innovative, virtual vocational education and training that provides certified EQF/ECVET-based modular courses through <u>Virtual Vocational</u> <u>Education and Training</u>; <u>Accessible Learning design</u>, <u>implementation and</u> <u>accreditation</u>
- Developing outcome-oriented ECVET curriculum that respond to specific skillshortages through <u>Skills for the creative economy</u>; <u>Symbols for Success</u>

## **Adult Education**

- Upskilling adults and validation of skills acquired in non-formal settings and developing innovative learning tools to increase media and digital competences through <u>Tell Your Story</u>; Learning Intercultural Storytelling
- Widening the offer of high quality learning opportunities tailored to low-skilled adults also through effective use of ICT through <u>Bringing Young Mothers Back</u> to Education; empowerment and integration of refugee families; <u>Massive Open</u> <u>Online Language Courses</u>
- Developing educators' competences for effective teaching, through <u>Scientific</u> <u>Literacy At School</u>

# **Higher Education**

- Tackling skill gaps and mismatches in higher education through <u>Training Sports</u> <u>Students as Mentors</u>
- Modernising Higher Education & developing and fostering new governance practices <u>Strengthening education assessment</u>; <u>BA & MA for development and</u> <u>administration of computer systems</u>; <u>Master on Bio-Based Circular</u> <u>Economy</u>; Regional sustainable development multidisciplinary curricula
- Promoting professionalisation of universities' curricula and reinforcing cooperation between HEIs, VET organisations, employers and enterprises through <u>A European University-Business Alliance</u>; <u>Amélioration de la</u> <u>Gouvernance dans le système de l'EnSeignement Supérieur</u>

For a more comprehensive overview of our projects and activities, I invite you to visit the page dedicated to initiatives on our website: <u>http://cesie.org/en/initiatives/</u>

I look forward to reading your feedback and thoughts, and to establishing a fruitful partnership with you under the upcoming Erasmus+ calls 2018.

Greetings from Palermo,



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