

ERASMUS+ **RISE** Project

Vienna Meeting, October 2018



REALISING INTEGRATION through SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

RISE is an ERASMUS+ partnership (2018-2020), which aims to explore the potential of social enterprise as a means of enhancing the employability of our learners. Partners will share and document their experience of best practice and outline the necessary supports required for learners to set up their own enterprise. Social enterprise is a business model that puts people and community first, while operating in a commercially viable and sustainable way and where profits are reinvested back into the business or local community. For RISE, the appeal of the social enterprise model relates to its strong social purpose and its promotion of creativity, co-operation and innovation.

The first meeting of the RISE partnership was held in Vienna, Austria, hosted by the lead partner Die Wiener Volkshochschulen GmbH. Each partner presented the social enterprise context from their own countries. The group also visited examples of successful and innovative Vienna based social enterprises.

A two-year action plan was agreed and will involve partners liaising with local and national social enterprise networks. Guidelines will be developed to help simplify the set-up process and a number of pilot projects will be carried out. The RISE project will harness the entrepreneurial potential of learners within our organizations to enable them to deliver a viable, commercial product or service. The next meeting of RISE will take place in Brussels in February, 2019.

Partners

Austria

Ireland

Germany

Greece

Portugal

Romania

Belgium



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Vienna in numbers



What kind of Employment?

Since 2013 Ireland has experienced employment growth above the EU average, however:

- Much of the net new employment created most recently is in lower paid jobs
- Greater growth occurring at the bottom of the wage distribution
- Precarious work more common (self-employed, fixed term contracts or part time/variable hours, non-standard, flexible working conditions)
- Rise of 'Gig' economy