

# C O N N E C T E D L E A R N I N G

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## A Transnational Partnership:

The **Connected Learning** project involves: United Kingdom, Italy, Germany, Sweden, Bulgaria and Cyprus. The consortium favours a transnational approach to the subject.



## Connected Learning @ YW

This 30 months Erasmus+ project aims to improve young people's access to formal and non-formal learning opportunities through the mapping of the various programmes which are available. The project's main aim is to create an interactive online platform and an equivalent mobile application, which will feature an interactive map that allows young people to easily find courses or training workshops that they are interested in, to upgrade their knowledge and skills.

## Connected Learning @ Youth Work News

The consortium has proceeded with completing Intellectual Output 3: **THE DIGITAL LEARNING ROUTE- SUITE**: Digital Competence Framework, Teaching and Learning material, Assessment and Validation through the Open Badges. Based on the results obtained from the previous activities, the partners have created essential tools to provide learners with a ready-to-follow **Connected Learning Route**. During this phase of the project, the consortium has successfully developed the framework, the material, the teaching guides, and the validation system for the project.

All these elements make up the Digital Learning Pack which include:

- ✓ **The Targeted Digital Competence Framework**, with inbuilt benchmarks and indicators to help learners and their mentors (Youth Workers) monitor, assess and validate their progress for the acquisition of the targeted digital skills through the open badges.
- ✓ **The Teaching Packs** for each of the selected set of digital skills, which will be used for the creation of the Connected Learning Routes.
- ✓ **The Youth Workers/Trainers' Professional Development Course** for the acquisition of digital skills.

Check out below the honeycomb-like Open Badges that have been added to the e-learning platform to support the validation of competences.



## VIRTUAL C1 ACTIVITY: SHORT TERM JOINT STAFF TRAINING

Unfortunately, due to traveling restrictions the project's short-term staff training activity took place online between the 30th of November 2020 and the 4th of December 2020. This did not stop the participants from having an enjoyable, informative and thorough training. During the first day the partners from Bulgaria- Vudutek presented the projects' platform to the rest of the partners. Throughout the next days each partner organization presented the material they had developed through the platform.

The material was developed in the form of the following modules:

- **Module 1:** Business Principles
- **Module 2:** Marketing
- **Module 3:** Planning & Budgeting
- **Module 4:** Innovative Learning
- **Module 5:** Soft Skills
- **Module 6:** Thinking ahead





At the end of each session, feedback was provided to the trainer presenting and each partner would then review and discuss the training internally (offline), using the recordings from each session. After the review and consultation session, evaluations were completed and submitted. On the final day of the training, we had an overall discussion and evaluation of the C1 training which included an overview of the badges, the teaching tools and techniques used.

**Stay tuned by visiting the project website!**

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