

**PR: 15.07.2021: Erasmus+ Project **Entre4all** demands more support for social entrepreneurs with disabilities in a petition**

**ENTRE4ALL** is an Erasmus+ project with the aim of providing training in entrepreneurship for people with disabilities. The six partner organisations **Center Ponovne Uporabe** (Slovenia), **RIC Novo Mesto** (Slovenia), **Emphasys Centre** (Cyprus), **equalizent** (Austria), **Kentro AMEA Agios Lazaros** (Cyprus) and **DIMITRA Education & Consulting** (Greece) are experts in the fields of education and social entrepreneurship.

The legislation in European countries concerning social entrepreneurship varies a lot and has many pitfalls that make founding a **social enterprise** quite complicated, especially for people with disabilities. Similar restrictions concern the support for entrepreneurs with disabilities - if they exist, they vary in each country and they are often not sufficient to make it possible for people with disabilities to found an enterprise. Potential entrepreneurs rarely receive all the support (e.g. personal assistance, interpretation) they need. This is a shame because being self-employed and an entrepreneur can increase the independence and autonomy of people with disabilities. It provides them with a sense of **self-empowerment** because entrepreneurs are more likely to be integrated, both socially and economically.

Therefore, the Entre4all project partners have created a **petition** to raise public awareness, as well as drawing the attention of national and EU institutions to these issues. The petition can be signed by individuals and organisations and is available at <https://entre4all.eu/en/petition/>. But that's not all that the Entre4all partners are doing to boost this issue. In June, we held an online **train the trainer week** with 24 participants working with people with disabilities from Austria, Cyprus, Greece and Slovenia.

In the autumn, all partner organisations will launch **Entre4all Community Centres**. In our centres, people with disabilities can take part in the Entre4all training programme to help them to develop the entrepreneurial, digital, financial and social skills that they need on their journey to becoming social entrepreneurs.

"Lets provide special entrepreneurial opportunities for special people." says Alexis Zografos, director of Kentro AMEA Agios Latzoris and adds on "People with disabilities have the right to participate in social entrepreneurship, lets provide opportunities4all."

For more information, visit the **Entre4all** website at <https://www.Entre4all.eu/> or keep up with all the latest news by following **Entre4all** on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/Entre4all/>), Instagram (<https://www.instagram.com/Entre4all/>) or YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFcWlXhCtF-63fsS5mlclRQ>).

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