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**Entrepreneurial Skills
for Social Sciences**



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This e-newsletter is published to present the workings that were implemented up to this day for the ESSS project (**Entrepreneurial Skills for Social Sciences**). The ESSS project was launched its working on November 2022 and aims to **create training material for social scientists who are interested in being involved in social enterprises**. The project will involve both universities and professionals from the social sciences sphere, in order to train and empower them on all necessary entrepreneurial skills. Currently, the partners have already started the implementation of the main project study on all partner countries.



First Partners' meeting in Nicosia!

The first Partners' meeting was held in Nicosia, Cyprus, between the 12th and 13th December 2022, following a virtual meeting (7 November 2022) which was held after the launch of the project (1 November 2022). All partners participated in the project through their representatives, such as Stavros Parlalis (**Frederick University**), 2) Ingrida Baranauskiene (**Klaipėdas University**), 3) Monica Moreno (**M&M Profuture Training**), 4) Vesna Sucur-Janjetovic (**University of Banja Luka**) and Maria Papadakaki (**Hellenic Mediterranean University** – from distance due to COVID illness).

Participants had the chance to discuss the major issues regarding **the launch and the evolution of the project**. Discussion focused on both the administrative tasks of the project, e.g. partnership agreements, project timetable, management and administration plan, quality assurance plan, etc. In addition, partners discussed the dissemination activities, e.g. project logo and website, social media, e-newsletters, etc. Lastly, they had the chance to work on the preparation of the research, which was launched during the first months of 2023.

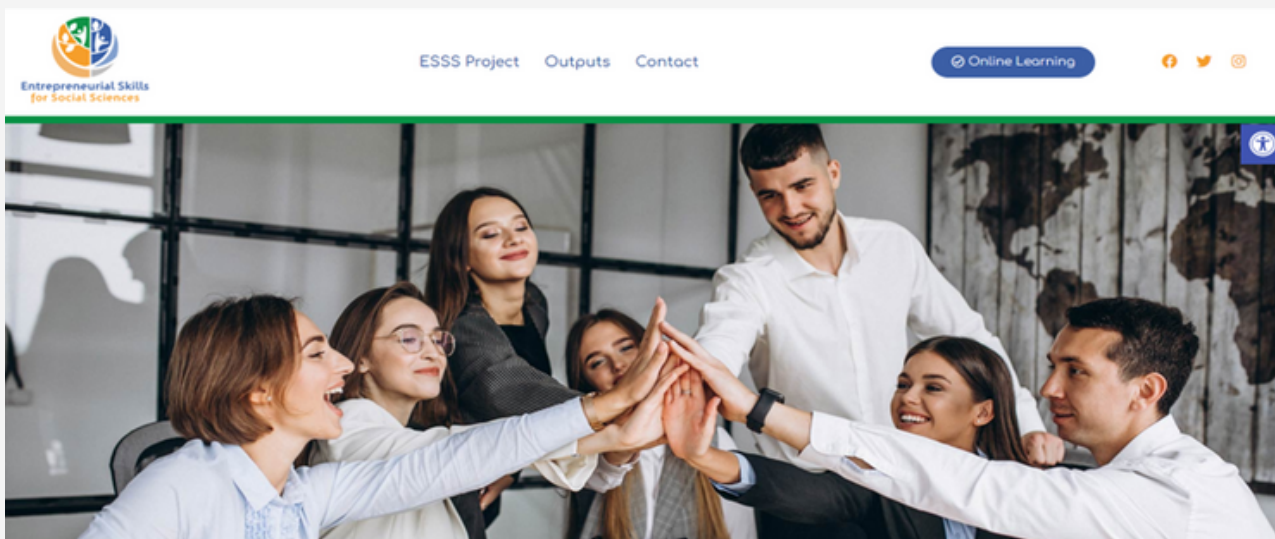


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The project research has just finished!

During the first months of 2023 a survey ran by the ESSS project. The study referred to professionals in social sciences based in Cyprus, Lithuania, Greece and Bosnia and Herzegovina. We were requesting from professionals in these countries to participate in the research by completing a questionnaire, in order to determine the extent to which professionals in social sciences have the appropriate skills and knowledge around Social Enterprises.

The survey outcomes will enable researchers to design training material that can equip professional with necessary skills to set up and/or work for a social enterprise. The questionnaire was offered in three languages: Greek, Lithuanian and Serbian. Data collection completed in April 2023, while the National Reports and a Pan-European Report are expected in two months' time!





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Meet our Project Manager, Dr Stavros K. Parlalis from Frederick University

Dr Stavros K. Parlalis holds the position of Associate Professor in Social Work at Frederick University. He has 15 years of professional experience in the area of social work, working with people with disabilities and other groups of vulnerable people, environmental and entrepreneurial projects with social impact, enabling the empowerment of local communities. He has experience in the position of Project Manager gained in several donor-funded European with proven experience in project and policy design, planning, management and monitoring. Thematic specialization in projects in the field of social sciences, social work, disability, entrepreneurial and environmental projects.



Visit the project website and Follow us on Social Media!

The coordinator of the project, Frederick University, developed the website, which we invite you to visit: <https://entresss.eu/>.

All project outcomes will be published in our website in the following months, so stay tuned!

Also, follow the latest development of the project on social media platforms such as Facebook and Twitter.