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SocEntrep
— eLearning —

Undergraduate Higher Diploma in Social Entrepreneurship

MQF/EQF Level 5

HEI Partners

Advenio eAcademy, MALTA
University of Ioannina, GREECE
Boğaziçi University, TURKEY
Università Politecnica delle
Marche, ITALY

NGO Partners

SOS Malta - Solidarity Overseas Service,
MALTA
Academy of Entrepreneurship, GREECE
IMECE, TURKEY
AIC Forum, ITALY

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Advenio
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Further and Higher Education Institution

Higher Education Institution Partners



Advenio eAcademy was established in Malta in 2013 as a licensed Higher Education Institution (HEI), (MFHEA Licence number: 2013-FHI-006) catering for an international clientele of discerning educational service providers and learners. It currently offers online accredited programmes in Entrepreneurship and SME Management at levels 4 to 7.



Boğaziçi University (BU) was formally established in 1971. It has seven faculties, six graduate & research institutions, and one school. The faculties are offering undergraduate programs for approximately 16,000 students. The six institutes are offering graduate programs for approximately 2800 students.



The University of Ioannina in Greece was founded in 1964. This includes 23 academic departments which account for 30,000 undergraduate students 1,300 students to a Master's degree and over 2,000 students pursuing their studies at Doctoral level and 11 schools.



Università Politecnica delle Marche is a public teaching and research university, characterized by a technical-scientific vocation. UNIVPM offers Undergraduate and Graduate Degrees as well as PhD Courses in Agriculture, Engineering, Economics, Medicine and Biology, and Specialization Schools in Medicine and Surgery to about 17,000 students, with 700 professors and researchers, 650 administrative and technical employees.

NGO Partners



Solidarity and Overseas Service (SOS Malta) is a registered Voluntary Organisation, set up in 1991, which works with local and international partners. The organisation assists socially disadvantaged groups in improving their quality of life by providing support services and opportunities to implement development and change.



To support impact generation enterprises and social entrepreneurship, IMECE runs an impact accelerator program for growth-stage start-ups supporting the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda. It aims to accelerate the social and ecological impact that start-ups generate throughout their growth phase with the help of its tailored solutions.



The Academy of Entrepreneurship (AKEP) is a non-governmental, non-profit organization, with an innovative and authentic character, trying to meet the new challenges of the modern labour market as its first priority. It was established in 2007 by the historical Educational Association of Athens "HFAISTOS".



The Forum AIC is an Association born in 2001 that joins the Chambers of Commerce from the coastal areas of the Adriatic and Ionian basin. The strategic goal of the Forum is to help a process of growth within the basin and a tangible application of European principles referred to the politics of cohesion.

This Programme Offers:

- A modular course subject framework ensuring broad exposure to the challenges facing NGOs in developing their social entrepreneurial activities
- An online elearning solution involving self-learning and collaborative learning activities based on one live tutorial session every week for guidance and follow-up on all learning activities
- An international Faculty that bring different perspectives to the issues and challenges tackled in each module.
- An international support network of NGOs ensuring relevance of course work to real world challenges and facilitating any internships or apprentices that may be requested
- A research based final project that provides opportunity for in-depth analysis of selected core concepts and their application within an appropriate organization
- An EQF accreditation that adds value to the studies undertaken ensuring recognition of the qualification throughout Europe
- A foundation course that will ensure eligibility for a Bachelor's Degree in Entrepreneurship with accreditation of prior learning.
- A foundation for you to reach out to the third sector for a challenging but rewarding career in the non-profit or voluntary sector where your contribution can make a significant impact of people's lives

SocEntrep4NGOs

The SocEntrep Erasmus+ co-funded project was launched in November 2021 to address the identified lack of research specifically to determine the challenges and the training needs by current and new social entrepreneurs.

This project's scope seeks to improve the capacity of existing NGOs working within the third sector, current and future social entrepreneurs by providing them with a formal qualification directly related to Social Entrepreneurship. The proposed programme will be designed and developed based on the feedback that the project partners will receive from the participants in the research study to be carried out in this project. The project seeks to achieve the following objectives:-

1. Research current best practices in Social Entrepreneurship (SE) and SE programmes required to support NGOs. This will help in understanding the particular challenges met by current and future social entrepreneurs, employees working in NGOs and NGO volunteers.
2. Design and develop the proposed Social Entrepreneurship programme set for the level recommended by the research and including specialist content also confirmed through the research.
3. Accreditation by the national regulator in Malta, Malta Further & Higher Education Authority (MFHEA) of the new social entrepreneurship online programme. Accreditation ensures that students completing the programme earn a qualification that is recognised within the EU and within those countries that are signatories to the Bologna process.
4. Marketing of the new Social Entrepreneurship programme to recruit suitable social entrepreneurs for participation in the pilot programme Intake #1.
5. Implement the 18-month online Social Entrepreneurship programme as a pilot programme and evaluate its effectiveness. Based on the Erasmus+ funding, circa 60 students will be offered a full scholarship in the programme.



Malta Further and Higher Education Authority

The Malta Further and Higher Education Authority (MFHEA) was officially launched on the 14th September, 2012 and is legislated by the revised Education Act which came into force on the 1st August 2012. Its mission statement is: "to foster the development and achievement of excellence in further and higher education in Malta through research, effective licensing, accreditation, quality assurance and recognition of qualifications established under the Malta Qualifications Framework."

The accredited programme provided by Advenio eAcademy is deemed by MFHEA to be equivalent to the Malta Qualifications Framework under the European Qualifications Framework. This accreditation confirms the quality assurance and recognition of the programme within the EU.

More information can be found on: <https://mfhea.mt/>

Erasmus+ Programme

The development of the research and the Undergraduate Higher Diploma in Social Entrepreneurship programme together with its implementation of a pilot intake being developed by the partners is a project that has been approved for co-funded through the Erasmus+ Funding Programme. This project has been approved under Key Action 2 – Strategic Partnership.



The successful application for EU funding enabled Advenio eAcademy to develop significantly. It developed its international network through collaboration agreements for Erasmus+ projects with leading European universities and relevant organisations. It benefitted from a transfer of knowledge and best practices through such programmes. Advenio eAcademy remains committed to international collaboration for the continued development of its programmes and plans to expand its Erasmus+ collaborations in the years ahead.



Representatives of the four Partner HEI and four NGO organisations in the workshop session during the Malta Transnational Meeting of the Erasmus+ co-Funded project, SocEntrep held between the 23-25th June 2022.

Programme Framework

Title	Undergraduate Higher Diploma in Social Entrepreneurship
Qualification Level	MQF/EQF Level 5
Accreditation	90 ECTS
Duration	Online: 74 Weeks Blended: 52 Weeks
Schedule	Stage 1: Core Modules (Jul. 2022 - Dec. 2022) Stage 1: ARPEL Process (Sep. 2022 - Feb. 2023) Stage 2: Specialist Modules (Feb. 2023 - Sep. 2023) Stage 3: Final Project (Sep. 2023 - Feb. 2024)

This programme will share the core modules of the previously accredited L5 Undergraduate Higher Diploma in SME Management, thus allowing for mixed classes from SME and NGO backgrounds participating in the core modules that will be common for both qualifications. The programme will be structured in THREE different stages.

Stage 1 will include 4 Core modules each with 8 ECTS Credits as outlined above or ARPEL Process for recognition of prior learning and experience would require three to four weeks to complete.

Participation in the programme includes both self-learning and collaborative learning elements. The collaborative elements include weekly online tutorial sessions to provide ample scope for review and discussion of course work with members of Faculty.

Learning outcomes include:

- An advanced level of understanding in the specialised area of prior learning and work experience
- An understanding of entrepreneurial / social entrepreneurial methods and tools in a complex and specialised field of work or study
- An understanding in professional practical knowledge in a specialised

Course Programme Details

Stage 1: Core Modules (8 ECTS Credits each module)

- Award in Essentials of Management
- Award in Essentials of Marketing & Sales
- Award in Essentials of Human Resources
- Award in Essentials of Financial Management

OR

Stage 1: ARPEL Process (32 ECTS Credits)

- A 4 Stage process for the Accreditation and recognition of prior experiences and learning of up-to 32 ECTS credits at EQF/MQF Level 5

Stage 2: Specialist Modules (4 ECTS Credits each module)

- Award in Creativity & Thinking Skills for Social Enterprises
- Award in Project Management for Social Enterprises
- Award in Legal Frameworks for Social Enterprises
- Award in Working with Apprentices/Volunteers for Social Enterprises
- Award in Social Enterprise Development
- Award in Fund Raising for Social Enterprises
- Award in Risk Management for Social Enterprises
- Award in Good Governance for Social Enterprises
- Award in Practical Applications of Business Simulation

Stage 3: Final Research Project (26 ECTS Credits)

- The Research Project will allow students to hone their analytical and investigative skills by participating in an active research project under a faculty advisor to produce usable data sets, public presentations, and abstracts suitable for publication.

OR

Stage 3: Internship & Embedded Project Report (26 ECTS Credits)

- The Internship Programme provides an opportunity to combine theoretical education with applied work experience.

Have you considered a career in the non-profit or voluntary sector?

To be classified as third sector, an organization should fulfill three conditions:-

“Non-governmental: They cannot be owned or controlled by the state. That said, they will often cooperate with the government, and might receive state funding.

Not-for-profit: While they must have a way of covering their own operational costs (e.g. staff wages, rent, advertising), third-sector companies should put their profits towards the improvement of society, rather than their founders' personal gain.

Socially focused: Third-sector organisations should be driven by a vision of improving the social or environmental landscape. Their focus may include human rights, environmental sustainability or education services, amongst other things”.

Source: Oxford Scholaristica Academy <https://www.oxfordscholastica.com/blog/what-is-the-third-sector/>

“The European third sector is an enormous economic force, outdistancing most major industries in the scale of its workforce. ...

The European third sector thus accounts for nearly 13 percent of the European workforce. This is a significant contribution because any industry that accounts for 5 percent of the employment of a country is considered to be a major industry. ...

A second striking characteristic of the European TSE is its engagement of volunteers in addition to paid employees. In fact, over 15 million FTE workers in the civil society sector in Europe are volunteers, which is 55 percent of the workforce”.

Source: Salamon, Lester M.; Sokolowski, Wojciech; 2018 The Size and Composition of the European Third Sector, Springer

“The third sector is pivotal for social and economic problem solving and civic engagement in Europe, especially in times of economic crisis. Understanding the knowledge gaps in the sector and its potential in solving problems can help support European governments in furthering social cohesion and economic development”.

Source: <https://cordis.europa.eu/article/id/204470-the-third-sectors-hidden-potential>

This is your chance to benefit from an Erasmus+ scholarship to the Undergraduate Higher Diploma in Social Entrepreneurship giving you access to career opportunities in the non-profit and voluntary sectors!

For more information visit our website <https://aea.academy/socentrep>