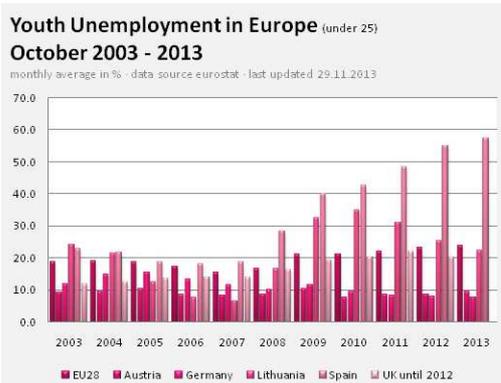


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**5.7 million – That's the number of young people (under 25) unemployed in the EU.**[1] For many, current unemployment is expected to turn into long-term unemployment, greatly increasing the risk of social exclusion – with 'alarming consequences'.[2]



The European Parliament agree that '**...part of the solution for unemployment may be the development of high-quality VET systems, with highly qualified teachers and trainers,** innovative learning methods, high-quality infrastructure and facilities and a high labour market relevance, offering pathways to further education and training'.[3]

Funded by the Leonardo da Vinci - Transfer of Innovation programme, the EU-project **ImPro-F** draws on the transnational expertise of five organisations active in the field of professional development and training.

- ttg team training GmbH · GERMANY
- Carinthian International Club · AUSTRIA
- Telšiai Adult School · LITHUANIA
- Europeace Youth · UNITED KINGDOM
- Dirección General de Inmigración de la Consejería de Asuntos Sociales de la Comunidad de Madrid (España) · SPAIN

Working together our aim is to strengthen the knowledge, skills and competences of VET professionals by supporting their further education and training in a modular course called ImPro-F. [Click here to learn more.](#)

## ImPro-F Newsflash · Part 1

11 – 13 December 2013 Dirección General de Inmigración de la Consejería de Asuntos Sociales de la Comunidad de Madrid (España) hosted the first **ImPro-F Transnational Course for VET Professionals** in Madrid, Spain. More than 30 individuals representing five European countries took part in the 3-day training. Key outcomes included:

- Fostering a European View on Youth Employment for

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#### Groups at Risk of Social Exclusion

- Promoting Meaningful Exchange among VET Professionals

When asked **'What will you take away from this training?'**

Participants overwhelmingly responded, 'The importance of self-reflection, relationship building (trust) and access to information (networking).'




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## ImPro-F Newsflash · Part 2

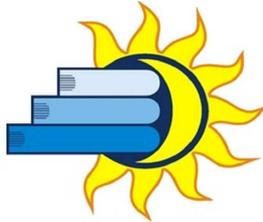
15 July 2013 EURONEWS generation y reporter, Elza Gonçalves, addressed the question, **'Solving youth unemployment?'** by introducing the Dutch social-commercial company, Werkcenter, which aims to tackle long-term youth unemployment by focusing on the individual job seeker's personal AND professional needs. We encourage you to take a look.

<http://www.euronews.com/2013/07/15/solving-youth-unemployment/>

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## What ImPro-F means to us...

Get to know project partners one at a time!



Telšių suaugusiųjų mokykla

**Telšiai Adult School (TSM) is an educational institution** that provides qualitative formal and informal education for adults who want to be accepted in the changing labour market and to become more active in society.

A person often completes one of their basic needs – self expression – by joining the work sphere. This is why career guidance has become one of the most important parts of education. Its main purpose is to help choose a career path regardless of a student's age, sex, social status, etc.

Recently, a career guidance system was put into place in our school. The Career Guidance Coordinator at TSM provides information, counseling and guidance services. It helps persons of different ages choose their own pursuits in the areas of education, training and employment as well as undertake an active role in the development of their own professional career.

Our school lacks a unified career guidance system as much as most of Lithuania's other secondary schools and VET institutions. We also lack modern career guidance methods and means. TSM hopes to improve the competence of teachers, share good experience with other countries and fill the existing gaps in career guidance practice by participating in this project.

[Click here to learn more.](#)

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