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# WELFARE: New training platform to enhance social entrepreneurship skills

With the aim of helping researchers and students acquire the skills and dexterities to grow as social entrepreneurs in the welfare sector, KMOP, together with the European organisations Vaxandi (Iceland), STIMMULI for Social Change (Greece), Xwhy / Agency of Understanding (Lithuania) and VIVES University of Applied Sciences (Belgium), has developed the training platform Welfare.

The training platform aspires to create an inclusive and integrated learning environment, fostering research and discourse and focusing on social innovation and entrepreneurship in the welfare sector. It will also serve as a hub to bring together researchers and students with educational institutions, non-profit organisations, and relevant businesses in the welfare sector. Additionally, it functions as a communication platform for social innovators and entrepreneurs, university students and practitioners, sharing knowledge and experiences.

The platform includes online training, supporting materials and Open Educational Resources (OERs) for social entrepreneurs tailored to both their and the welfare sector needs. The training curriculum is built upon information gathered on target group needs and ideas revealed in the GAP and needs analysis conducted by university students and practitioners working together on identifying and solving social challenges. It is designed for both online and in-person applications and can be adapted to different target groups. Training videos and interviews with role models in Social Entrepreneurship are also used as good practice examples.

The training platform is addressed particularly to social entrepreneurs, universities and education institutions, university students and stakeholders within the welfare sector.





It is free and accessible in English [here](#), while editions in Greek, Icelandic, Lithuanian and Dutch will soon follow.

If you have already visited the training platform, it would be greatly appreciated if you could complete [this short evaluation form](#). Your responses will help refine and improve the available material.

The training platform is designed as part of the Erasmus+ funded **WELFARE** project that aims to create a hub for social innovation in universities, providing a way for researchers and students to build skills as social entrepreneurs or intrapreneurs. This is done by involving them in communication and collaboration with educational institutions, non-profit organisations, and businesses in the welfare system.

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