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Up-Rural is an Erasmus+ funded collaboration between 7 partners across 6 countries - Ireland, Romania, Italy, Greece, Cyprus and Spain.

This is a research and training project that aims to increase the number of trained Community Development personnel in rural areas throughout Europe. Training will focus on supporting disadvantaged and vulnerable groups across the partners territories.

We are excited to share the activities of the project that have taken place to date and provide information on upcoming events!

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Project Result 1: Work Based Learning Survey for a practical green and digital job "community development Officer"

The research element of the project focused on gathering information from the labour market leading to productive employment for graduates and increased employment potential. The methodology included primary research, via one-to-one interview of local authorities, local representatives, communities and employers as well as desk research examining secondary data at a European and country level. The final report is available in all partner languages on the Up-Rural! website - [Research Results](#)





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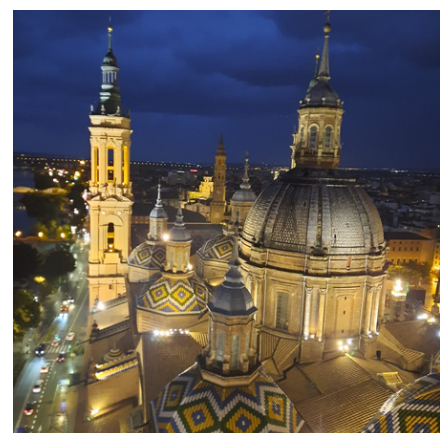
In November, 2023 representatives from 6 partner organisations took part in the Learn Teach Train Activity (LTTA C1) in Zaragoza, Spain. GEInnova, our Spanish partner hosted the activity and were joined by representatives from Ballyhoura Development CLG (Ireland), project leader Asociatia GAL Napoca Porolissum (Romania), Edufor (Romania), Synthesis (Cyprus) and Innovation Hive (Greece).



Training, provided by GEInnova and Edufor, focused on developing participants' skills to design and deliver real-world simulation of learning outcomes utilising innovative and interactive educational tools.

Activities included instruction and content development for the educational platform Moodle as well as developing storyboards for Vyond software and branch scenario storyboards for Articulate Storyline.

In the spirit of Erasmus+ partners spent time together outside of scheduled training. Collaborations and friendships continued to flourish as we had the opportunity to explore the beauty and culture of Zaragoza as well as sampling the exquisite local cuisine. Check out what the partners had to say on the [Up-Rural! YouTube channel](#)





In May, 2023, **Innovation Hive**, our Greek partner recently hosted the Third Transnational Partners' meeting in Larrissa, Greece. Along with representatives of the hosting organisation, this meeting was attended by representatives of Ballyhoura Development CLG (Ireland), project leader Asociația GAL Napoca Porolissum (Romania), Edufor (second Romanian partner), Exeo Lab (Italy) and GEInnova (Spain).

This project meeting focused on a thorough review of project activities, deadlines and included discussion of outstanding issues. Updates on module development, next steps and finalisation were confirmed, along with digital learning platform updates and follow-up actions.

Presentations were provided by Irish and Italian partners on Communication & Dissemination as well as Quality Assurance and Evaluation respectively.

Partners are well on track with content development for the online training programme which will be delivered through the moodle platform in an innovative and engaging way.

The project team are currently seeking participants from rural communities to take part in an online, digital training programme for the role of Community Development Officer.

Preparations are also underway for the two, transnational Work Based Learning activities scheduled for Romania and Ireland in October and November 2023.



The project team are currently seeking participants, from rural communities to take part in a Community Development officer training programme. This will include a 5-day work-based learning placement in Romania and Ireland.

60 participants, facing socio-economic and rural disadvantage, from across the partner territories will be invited to engage with the online training programme to become skilled Community Development Officers.

Successful participants will receive digital certification as well as the opportunity to participate in Work Based Learning for future employment in Romania and Ireland.

This training programme will provide participants with a practical, interactive, digital programme that combines theoretical content with supportive and engaging real-world video scenarios. It will assist with developing skills and knowledge for application in voluntary and employment sectors of community development.

Up-Rural! aims to facilitate participants to develop skills and knowledge to overcome rural community challenges and harness sustainable solutions towards inclusive, green, digitalised and animated rural areas.

This **FREE** programme offers 4 online modules for participants to complete at their own pace across September 2023. Digital badges will be issued for successful completion of each element of the programme. The 5-day work based learning initiative in Romania (October) and Ireland (November) will provide the opportunity for participants to apply their learning in a real world learning scenario.