

YOUTHShare | A Place for Youth in Mediterranean EEA: Resilient and Sharing Economies for NEETs

[YOUTHShare Open Event](#)

*Four Years of Research and Social Intervention for young NEETs in
the Mediterranean European Economic Area*

November 4 2022, 15.00 – 18.00 CET / 16.00 – 19.00 EET

A hybrid event taking place [online](#) and in [Rhodes, Greece](#).

November 2022 marks four years into the implementation of the research project YOUTHShare. After years of combined and intensive research, analysis and social intervention, the project reaches a turning point in which it highlights the best practices and furthers their implementation. The aim of the Open Event is twofold; i) to invite other projects and policymakers to assess the results of the project, and, most importantly, to discuss its successes and shortcomings and ii) to critically reflect upon what more needs to be done against youth unemployment and disengagement.

During those years YOUTHShare implemented a multi-scalar methodology and tested the effectiveness of close cooperation between the [Transnational Research Network](#) and the agile [Transnational Employment Centre](#) in bringing about new knowledge and support to young NEETs (Not in Employment Education or Training). The Open Event will be an attempt to ascertain the validity of the project's achievements and examine that achievements' potential for scalability.

In order to present a comparative assessment and create further synergies, other projects funded by Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway through the EEA and Norway Grants Fund for Youth Employment are invited. The representatives of these projects along with scholars and staff from the Labour Geography Research Lab, Department of Geography, University of the Aegean will offer new insights and tested suggestions on how to reduce the NEET rates in regions of the EU South and beyond.

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PROGRAMME

FRIDAY, 4 NOVEMBER 2022 (EET)

15:30-16:00 Opening of the Open Event

16.00 – 16.15 Open Event Addresses

Mr Konstantinos Taraslias	Vice Mayor of Rhodes for Communication, Press and Etiquette
Pr. Eleni Theodoropoulou	Vice Rector of the University of the Aegean for Academic Affairs and Students' Welfare
Pr. Ioannis Seimenis	Dean of the School of Humanities of the University of the Aegean
Mr Kostas Boukouvalas	Researcher, Labour Institute of the Workers' General Confederation of Greece
Mr Gian Luca Bombarda	Director of the Funding Operator of the EEA and Norway Grants Fund for Youth Employment

16.15 – 17.15 Session A: YOUTHShare: A Place for Youth in Mediterranean EEA. Resilient and sharing economies for NEETs

Chair: **Stelios Gialis** (University of the Aegean)

- 'The YOUTHShare project'

Nektaria Marava (Network for Employment and Social Care)

Anne Hege Strand (Fafo Institute)

- 'The Role of the Transnational Employment Centre'

- o 'The Key Account Managers as focal point: From NEET training to internships'

Nicola Vita (former local manager GAL La Cittadella del Sapere)

- o 'NEETs identification: Challenges and solutions'

Claudia Caggiano (GAL La Cittadella del Sapere, Italy)

- 'Training NEETs: A skills multiplier'

- o 'The Training Material'

Ioannis Pissourios (Neapolis University Pafos, Cyprus)

- o 'The e-learning platform'

Markella Papanicolaou (CARDET, Cyprus)

- 'Facilitating Entrepreneurial Aspirations'

- o 'The Mentoring Scheme'

Constantino Kounas (ARLAB, Italy)

- o 'The Networking Platform'

Markella Papanicolaou (CARDET, Cyprus)

17:15 - 17:30 Discussion, Q&A session

17:30 - 17:45 Coffee break

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17:45 – 18.45 Session B: Social Innovation and the Fund for Youth Employment Projects

Chair: **Ioannis Papageorgiou** (University of the Aegean)

- 'Cowork4YOUTH: Collaborative and Sharing Workspaces. Policies for Youth in Peripheral EEA Regions'

Savvas Alexandros Pavlidis (Rhodes Centre for History and Social Research) & **Aggeliki Demertzi** (UEHR)

- 'YES!: Young Entrepreneurs Succeed'

Yorgos Alexopoulos (Agricultural University of Athens) & **Eleni Bletsa** (Development Agency of Karditsa)

- 'e-ResLab Aegean: Observatory of Geo-spatial Technologies and Analyses for Employment and Resilience in Med EEA area'

George Sykas (University of the Aegean)

- 'WebGIS-based observatories as a tool for enhancing youth employment in high-skilled sectors: The case of the 'e-ResLab Aegean''

Anna Saroukou (University of the Aegean, Greek representative at the EEA and Norway Grants Youth Forum 2022)

18:45 - 19:00 Discussion, Q&A session

19:00 Open Event Closure

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