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LEI Project Partners at the kick-off Meeting in Barcelona  
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# Introducing the LEI Project



LEI is an acronym for Language, Environment and Inclusion; this is a fitting name as a Lei is also the flower garland that visitors to Hawaii receive as a welcome to the islands.

The LEI project partners are working to improve how marginalized young people, specifically refugees and asylum-seekers, young people at risk of early school leaving and students who experience disadvantage, are welcomed in the school institution.

## Priorities

**School** ~ Supporting schools to tackle early school leaving and disadvantage

**Social Inclusion** ~ **Horizontal** ~ Transparency and recognition of skills and qualifications

LEI will develop a dynamic platform to support, encourage and enable more effective engagement from all stakeholders involved in supporting the inclusion of refugees and disadvantaged students in the school system. Key to this will be identifying the most suitable pathway for each young person i.e. Education or Employment? Assisting them to:

- **Gain Qualifications**
- **Improve their understanding and application of the language**

And supporting their social inclusion through:

- **The promotion of co-working between refugees/asylum-seekers and local students**
- **Engaging young people at risk of early school leaving; encouraging their participation in a positive and inclusive environment**

# LEI PROJECT PARTNERS



## Lead Partner for the LEI Project

ANTARES Srl is an Italian SME founded in 1989, with a large team of qualified consultants. It works in the field of enterprise consultancy, socio-organisational research and management training.

ANTARES has been involved in more than 50 national and European partnerships, both in research and training areas, showing its ability to manage complex projects, paying particular attention to organisations working with innovative processes e.g. Teleworking, E-learning.

Caritasverband  
für das Dekanat  
Borken e.V.



The Caritasverband für das Dekanat Borken e.V. was founded in 1975 as a NGO association and has actually about 1000 employees. Borken is a town and the capital of the district of the same name, in North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany, near by the Dutch border. Over the past decades Caritas Borken gained qualified expertise and a huge range of experience in the fields of social work with migrants and psychological counselling as well as in national and international project.



Cria  
empresa  
i desenvolupament

Centre Recursos d'Iniciatives i Autoocupació, sl (C.R.I.A.) performs as consultancy and training organization of PROMOCIONS - Knowledge Network - and is specialized in: Social inclusion programs and local social development, Local economic and employment actions with disabled people, Training of trainers in innovation educational action, and European manager training, Political employment and social innovation - Programs of start-up and social enterprise development in different sectors

**Desincoop**

DESINCOOP is a provider of services cooperative, established in 2005, in the North Region of Portugal, Guimarães, with the aim of creating employment opportunities for people at risk of social exclusion because of their ethnic origin, age, gender and/or disability.



Its mission is to provide services in the areas of economic, social, educational and cultural initiatives through innovative solutions that meet the needs of their target groups, its territory, and their Cooperators and collaborators



GEMS Northern Ireland is a company limited by guarantee and registered charity/social enterprise organisation. Since our launch in 2002 we have developed and delivered best practice in employability/employment services.

GEMS NI is recognised as delivering excellence in IAG and VET and our development of models of best practice in employability interventions that support long-term unemployed/economically inactive people and in particular marginalized and disadvantaged groups including lone parents, migrants, young people who are NEET, older people, people with disabilities and health conditions, who experience disadvantage in the labour market



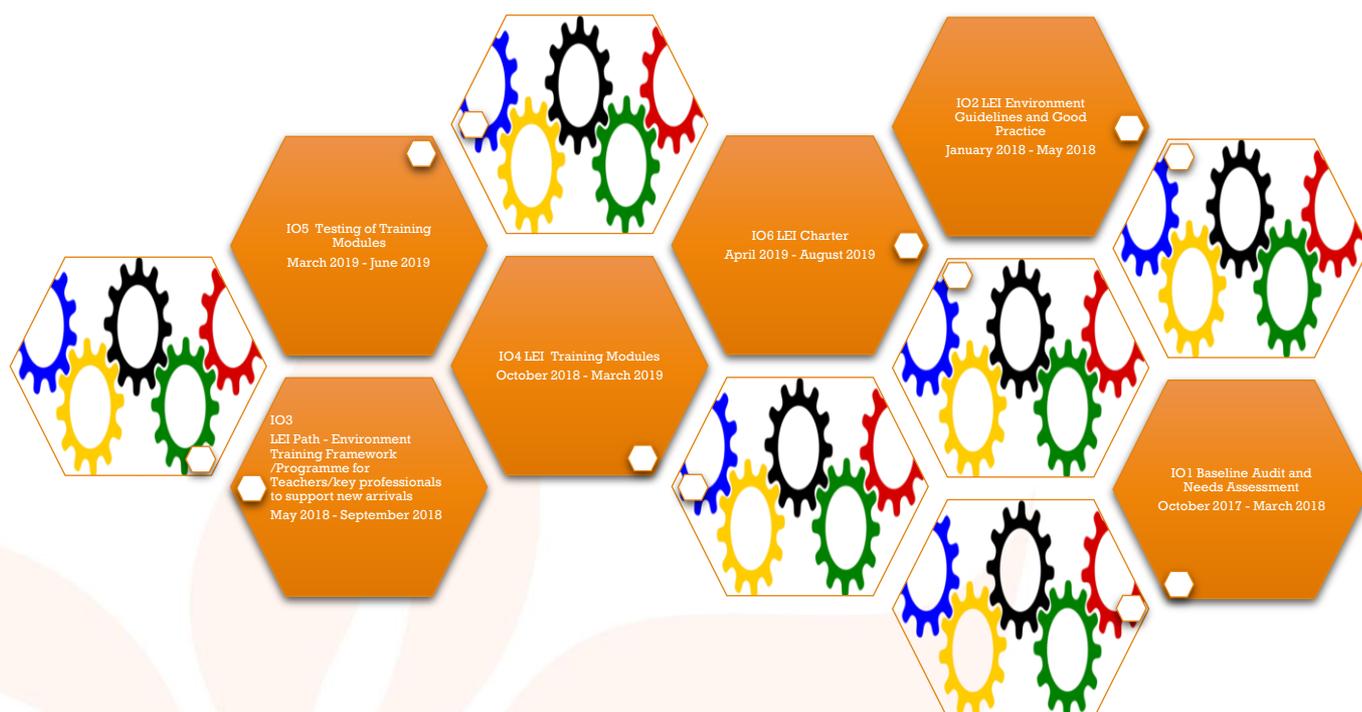
Established over fifty years ago, IIS Leonardo da Vinci is a Sicilian High School with 1,000 students aged between 14 and 18 years. IIS Leonardo da Vinci is located in Piazza Armerina. The school is located in an area of high social disadvantage with a high unemployment rate. Students are accepted to our school following their attendance at a lower-high school. Many of our students do not have opportunities to travel abroad and are encouraged and supported to learn foreign languages

The mission of our school is to provide relevant and outstanding education through its Special Curriculum, to prepare the students for higher education, to help training, to prepare the conditions and the environment for the students who are interested in research, scientific and technological developments, to educate individuals who can use the new technologies and prepare projects and finally to give them a foreign language education so that they can make scientific research and follow the scientific and technological development.

# PROJECT WORK PLAN



The LEI project work plan will be delivered by 6 Intellectual Outputs (IOs) these are summarized here.



Please go to our website for further details of the Intellectual outputs:  
<https://www.lei-project.eu/io/>

# Kick-Off Meeting Barcelona 13/14 November 2017



LEI Project Partners enjoying the warm hospitality of our Barcelona hosts at the social dinner November 2017

Our meeting in Barcelona reacquainted some old friends and at the end of the 2 days of hard work in the beautiful city we all made new friends! We found our host CRIA and our lead partner Antares had paced the agenda really well – kick-off meetings can be overwhelming if the pace isn't right; that is, making enough time for people to get to know each other, understand the wealth of experience, the different learning styles and different perspectives, ensuring everyone understood the work-plan and expectations as contributors and output leaders. Following this first meeting, we were all very clear as individual organisations and collective partnership of our roles and responsibilities going forward. We are all committed to making the project a resounding success and will combine our efforts to result in new knowledge and new resources to support young people who experience challenges in the context of Language, Environment and Inclusion.



# PLANNING FOR PORTUGAL



## 3rd /4th May 2018 Guimarões, Portugal

Guimarões is the location for the 2<sup>nd</sup> partnership meeting and 1<sup>st</sup> Multiplier event for the project. Hosted by our project partner Desincoop we will meet in the district of Braga in its historic town centre which is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 2001. This is in recognition for Guimarões being an exceptionally well-preserved and authentic example of the evolution of a medieval settlement into a modern town in Europe.

The LEI partnership is currently planning for this meeting which will focus on the presenting IO1, Baseline Audit and Needs Analysis and the completion of IO2 Environment Guidelines and Good Practice. The Multiplier event on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2018 will introduce the project and its aims and objectives and highlight the findings of the Baseline Audit and Needs Analysis undertaken by partners November 2017 – March 2018. We look forward to a productive and interesting meeting and multiplier event.



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