

INNOVAMENTIS

Non-profit Cultural Association

"InnovaMentis" is a non-profit cultural association based in Reggio Calabria (Italy).

It mainly aims to promote, encourage and organize the **development** of all those **cultural activities** carried out in the field of vocational education and training, focusing its attention both on **young people** waiting to find their first job and unemployed qualified and graduated adults, as well as on people who are in a particular disadvantaged situation.

Our association carries out its activities even for the **protection of cultural and linguistic heritage**, as well as for the safeguard of linguistic, cultural and ethnic minorities.

Our association promotes the culture of active citizens in Europe and the spread of information technology, since the latter encourages those cross skills needed for the removal of the cultural "digital divide". It also promotes culture and art through the organization of theatre performances, cultural, tourist and entertainment activities in order to promote ideals.

Our partners have decades of experience in the field of education, vocational training and new technologies, as well as in the field of cultural exchange, independently if young people and adults move to study or work.





Our professional association helps people building their confidence motivating them to achieve their full potential in a welcoming environment aiming to enable their personal growth. It also promotes both the culture of active citizens at a European level and the protection of their civil and moral rights

"InnovaMentis" has numerous and consolidated relationships with an extensive network of local and European partners, thanks to their experience gained for more than ten years working on project management and/or participating to a great number of international projects in various fields.

Activities

Our Association encourages the organization of conferences, exhibitions, seminars lectures and vocational courses addressed both to ordinary citizens and specialized groups.

- it works in different thematic areas for specific projects thanks to a wide range of highly specialized working groups composed by professionals having many years of experience in various professional fields.
- it promotes many interesting initiatives concerning both research, debates and the disclosure of those issues regarding culture, economy, environment, society and new technologies, even at a European level.
- it takes part in EU call for tenders and funding programmes. In this regard
- thanks to its highly skilled experts it can also support schools, associations, companies and local authorities in determining both the eligibility to such EU funds and the research, as well as the identification and creation of a partnership, the organization an presentation of projects for both national and European funding.
- It promotes activities aimed at social inclusion of both disadvantaged and senior people, active citizens, and the inclusion of young people in a social and work dimension, as well as the development of various initiatives for a greater visibility and dissemination of their social purposes in a European context.

- it carries out a number of activities for the benefits of both its members and/or other key actors, in order to create or even to enhance their skills, such as:
 - information on policies and community programmes, with the assistance of newsletters and thematic studies;
 - dissemination of European culture and integration between people of different culture: fostering citizen participation, especially among young people, in the European institutions; promotion and implementation of targeted communications campaigns on European issues and participation in awareness-raising events.
 - training on European issues: organization and realization of seminars, workshops and debates on European programmes and the opportunities that they offer to young people, the elderly, public administrations, associations and enterprises.
 - technical assistance for project planning: development of project ideas, research and partnership-building at a local, national and international level; identification of relevant European programmes, partner search, definition and drafting of the proposal.
 - support to the activities of project management: monitoring, management and reporting of funded projects; relationship with the European Commission and the competent executive agencies.
 - International mobility: support to the European voluntary service and inbound and outbound mobility of the beneficiaries of the Community programme for lifelong learning, informal groups, associations and individuals involved in cultural Exchange projects.
 - networking and partnership: building partnerships at a local, national and international level to participate in community projects.

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