



# Coordinator of Youth Guidance Centres (One-Stop-Shops)

Managing multi-competent teams – a new profession with a tailor-made education

**WORKSHOP** 





### Hosts



- Local Government (Denmark)
- VIA University College (Denmark)
- Jyväskylä University of Applied Sciences (Finland)
- City of Jyväskylä / Youth Guidance Centre (Finland)
- Employment Services Under the Ministry of Social Security and Labour (Lithuania)
- City of Östersund / Youth Guidance Centre (Sweden)
- Norden Association (Sweden)





## **Programme**



3.00	Welcome	and	introduct	ion to	o the	wider	context

- 13.20 Youth Guidance Centres an introduction
- 13.50 Preparing for the work in smaller groups introduction to MURAL
- 13.55 A short break
- 14.00 A pilot training programme with 4 modules
- 14.20 Reflections in smaller groups using MURAL a digital whiteboard
- 14.55 Closing



Welcome to use the chat for questions and reflections







**Europe** is in a time of transition.



### Why are macro-regional strategies needed?

- Complexity of issues that can't be tackled by single actor or a single project.
- Long term collaboration.
- Moving targets and goals new dynamic, calls for agility.
- Need to engage stakeholders who can contribute and who can bring about change.
- Participation as a democratic value.
- Co-creative action formats collaborative platforms, learning in-action, networks.
- Action-informed policy creation policy to action to policy (loops).
- Facilitation of multi-party initiatives a must-have competence.
- Outcomes policy gets enacted.





Macro-regional strategies cocreate solutions and implement actions to respond to the challenges we face in today's Europe!





Collaboration is vital for creating more targeted solutions.



### What are macro-regional strategies?

project to policy loops collaboration shared stakeholder engagement across borders programmes needed co-creation engagement cross-sectorial address challenges agility policy impact long-term complementarity common good platforms for cooperation



### What are macro-regional strategies addressing?

#### Societal challenges with a macro-regional added value...

- Action Plans accompanying the Strategies define objectives and priorities for work, targets and indicators for monitoring and evaluation;
- Action Plans are aligned with EU policy documents such as the European Green Deal and the European Pillar on Social Rights, others.

... providing opportunities for more efficient solving of common issues.



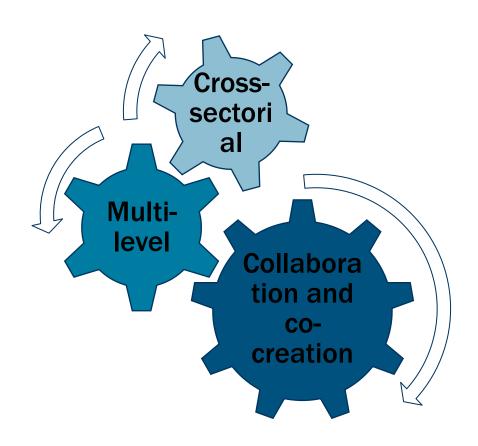




Macro-regional strategies are open and agile frameworks for long-term strategic collaboration.



## What is in a core of macro-regional work?



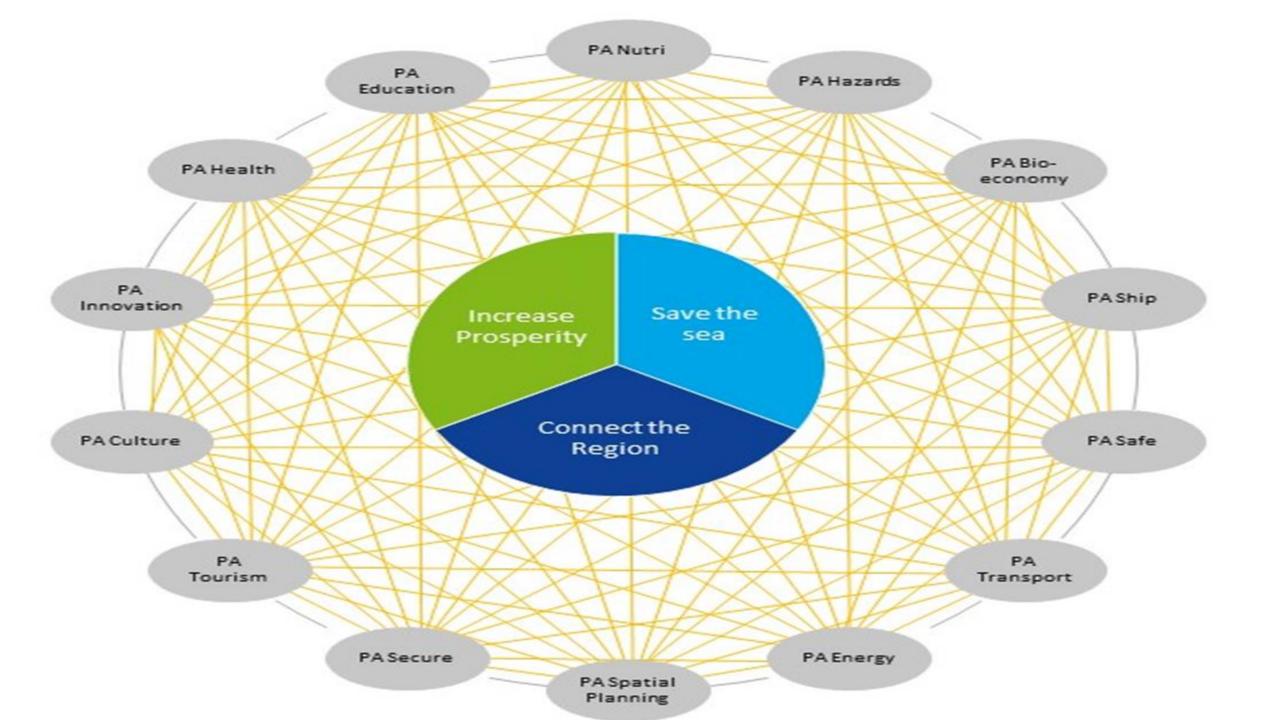


## **EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region**



this year with a new Action Plan

- Shorter and easier to communicate
- New targets and indicators aligned with SDGs and EU policy frameworks
- Clear division of responsibilities
- Widen participation with focus on civil society, youth and businesses
- "Baltic Sea Strategy Point" a support structure



### **Flagships**

- A flagship is a process that pursues an agreed policy impact in response to complex macroregional challenge
- Thematic policy-action processes bring together larger group of multi-level stakeholders, projects and policy-making processes. Engage stakeholders from various levels and sectors
- A single project (or flagship project) is rarely enough to achieve the thematic objectives of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region
- Flagship in build on three key pillars: processes, stakeholders, deliverables



# MISSION

To improve the members' ability to smoothen the transition for youth from school to work within the Baltic Sea Region, by providing a transnational platform for learning, development and innovation.

#### **AIMS**

- Stimulate transnational understanding and learning
- Provide a platform for developing and testing measures
- Better disseminate successful methods and knowledge
- Inspire to new initiatives, projects and partnerships
- Promote the allocation of funding for transnational activities
- Influence policy and decision makers on local, regional, national and European level.













# ORGANISATION



#### **Coordinating Group**

- SALAR
- Norden Association
- City of Turku

#### FLAGSHIP SCHOOL TO WORK

Leader of the Flagship

Swedish Association of Local Authorities and Regions (SALAR)

#### **EDUCATION & TRAINING**

**EARLY SCHOOL LEAVING** 

**INTEGRATE NEETs** 

#### **Advisory Board**

- All 8 Member States
- National level
- Mandate

















# MEMBERSHIP AND MORE

As a member of School to Work you get

- A platform for transnational work
- Invitations to conferences and study visits
- Arenas for contribution to policy making around the Baltic Sea Region and EU
- Contact with projects and practitioners
- A platform to share your projects and other development ideas and good practices Please join us <a href="https://www.s2wflagship.eu/join-us/">www.s2wflagship.eu/join-us/</a>

Coming up: Preventing early school leaving – framework, strategy and successful methods

May 11, 2021 @ 09:00 - 11:00 CET













# LET'S TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT



INTEGRATE NEETs

















# **Coordinator Training Program**

Multi-professional guidance for youth





# Results

- Defined and strengthened the profession as Coordinator of multi-professional Youth Guidance Centres
- Identified key competencies required for the Coordinator function
- Developed a Coordinator training program a curriculum consisting of modules based on key competencies, with ETAS validation
- 20 trained Coordinators across the Baltic Sea Region
- Spread awareness of the curriculum to stakeholders operating one-stop youth guidance centres in EU

# 4 examples: One-stop Guidance Centres

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# ONE-STOP GUIDANCE CENTRE OHJAAMO JYVÄSKYLÄ

Workshop 14.4.2021

Marita Räisänen, Coordinator







# ONE-STOP GUIDANCE CENTRE - OHJAAMO JYVÄSKYLÄ:

established 2015 with support from the European Social Fund (ESF)

- during this project one of the main goal was to makeOhjaamo permanent
- Ohjaamo Jyväskylä has been permanent service since autumn 2018
- ⇒ more than 60 Ohjaamos in Finland



# WHAT IS A ONE-STOP GUIDANCE CENTRE?

- a service point offers information, advice, guidance and support in matters like education & student counselling, employment, housing, money matters, wellbeing...
- => services under the same roof and by multi-competent (multidisciplinary) teams
- everyone under the age of 30
- => The centres offer services to various groups: pupils, students, employed and unemployed, those on maternity or sick leave etc.
- free of charge
- The main aim is to prevent youth unemployment



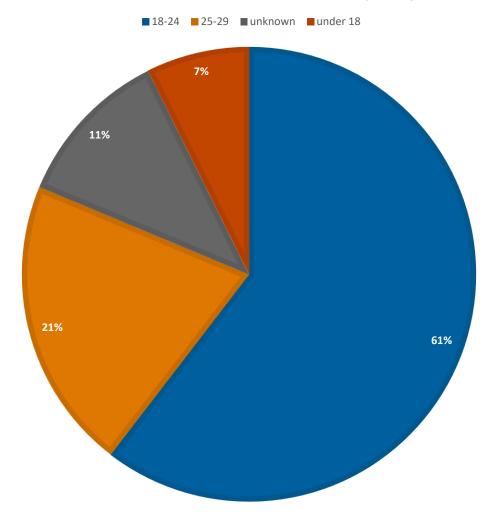
# IF YOU DON'T KNOW WHERE TO START, START AT OHJAAMO!

- very easy to come, have a cup of coffee and ask about anything you have in your mind ©
- Services with or without an appointment and pop up –services
- come alone, with a friend, with your parents etc.
- gender: approximately half of the visitors are male





#### OHJAAMO JYVÄSKYLÄ AGED PROFILE (2019)





#### **FACE-TO-FACE & ONLINE SERVICES**

=> develop both One-Stop Guidance Centers and web based/digital services & guidance

**Phone** 

E-mail

Social media

Chat

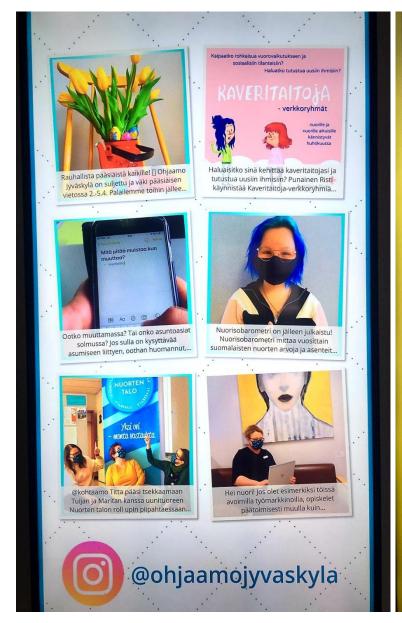
What's app

Discord

etc.

Be there where the Youth are!









# ONE DOOR - MANY SERVICES

The aim of the centres is to bring together different service providers.

- ⇒ young people can access a wide range of professional support
- ⇒ multi-professional and multidisciplinary work, working & communication with networks and stakeholders
- ⇒ the services provided by the Employment Offices, the social and health care sector, educational institutions, youth services and the third sector.
- ⇒ cooperation with (local) companies and promote youth employment opportunities in regions

#### Behind the one door:

- career planning, employment services, social counselling, study counselling, financial counselling, job coaching, psychosocial support, support with housing matters...
- individual counselling and guidance, also groups



The services was used (face-to-face or online) more than 4 500 times by the young people in 2019.

Our statistics count number of visits / how many times the services have been used, not individuals!

- ⇒ no accurate statistics on, for example, percentage of customers getting a job or enter on education because we do not have a common customer information system at Ohjaamo
- ⇒ how to develop and resolve this issue?

#### The main issues and topics for seeking guidance and support:

- Employment
- Education and training
- 3. Well-being
- 4. Financial issues and money matters





- The centres are developed in cooperation with the following ministries:

the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment

the Ministry of Education and Culture

the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health

- Funding from municipalities and the state
- Implementation of the Youth Guarantee
- Supporting Youth Employment
- Ohjaamos are supported and coordinated at the national level by the Kohtaamo project (ESF). => this is crucial!



# THANK YOU!

Wish you all a nice and sunny Spring time 2021!









# The Danish Consolidation Act on municipal provision for young people under 25 The Acts referred to define seven main aims of guidance:

- help to ensure that the choice of education and career will be of greatest possible benefit to the individual and to society, and that all young people complete an education leading to vocational/professional qualifications or a job;
- particularly target young people who, without specific guidance, would have difficulties in relation to the choice and completion of education or training courses and career choices;
- take into account the individual's interests, personal qualifications and skills, including informal competencies, previous education and work experience, as well as the projected need for skilled labour and self-employed individuals;
- contribute to limiting, as much as possible, the number of dropouts and students changing from one
  education or training programme to another, and ensuring that the pupil or student completes their
  chosen education with the greatest possible academic/vocational and personal benefits;
- contribute to improving the individual's ability to seek and use information, including ICT-based information and guidance about the choice of education, educational institution and career;
- help to ensure coherence and progression in the guidance support offered individuals;
- be independent of sectoral and institutional interests. Therefore, guidance is to be provided by practitioners with an approved guidance qualification or competencies recognized as being of the same level.







#### **Youth Guidance Units**

The municipal youth guidance units provide guidance services for young people up to the age of 25 years, focusing on the transition from compulsory to youth education, or, alternatively, to the labour market.

Their main target groups are:

- Pupils in lower secondary school (forms 7 to 9) and pupils attending the optional form 10.
- Young people under the age of 25 who are not attending or have not completed a youth education programme and are not attached to the labour market.
- Other young people under the age of 25 who are seeking guidance in relation to youth education programmes or employment.
- Young people with a special need for guidance concerning the choice of education, vocation and career.

See also: Youth in transition: <a href="https://youth-it.cool/">https://youth-it.cool/</a>



# One-stop-shop to ensure career guidance services (1)

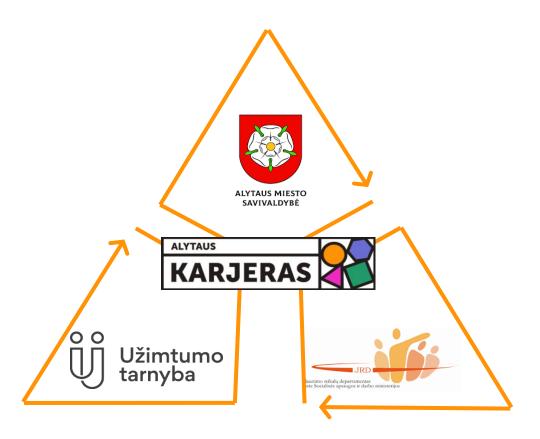
- Cooperation between social partners to ensure career advice services – Regional career guidance centre KARJERAS
- Labour Market Challenge addressed by the partnership - Insufficient co-ordination of career advice services for young people
- Goal of partnership improved customer service
   one-stop-shop approach
- Target group youth
- Timescale for partnership 2 years from April 2019. As project has received a lot of positive feedback, it is planned to open 10 such centres by the end of this year.





# One-stop-shop to ensure career guidance services (2)

- Tripartite cooperation agreement Lithuanian Public Employment services, Alytus city municipality, Department of youth affairs;
- **Funding** PES provide premises, each partner contributes from own funds;
- Managing body management group composed of representatives from three partners;
- **Results so far** agreements with 17 employers, constant cooperation with training institutions, 60 events organized, 250 individual counselling sessions performed, 95 career guidance tests, 10 visits to employers.







# NAVIGATORCENTRUM A PATH TO EMPLOYMENT, STUDIES AND A GOOD LIFE



# Navigatorcentrum – Östersund

- Background: ESF project 2008 2011
- 2011: A permanent Activity
- Informal approach, focus on the individual, cooperation, solution-focus!
- To find, meet and coach NEETS
- Outreach, drop-in, coaching, daily activities, networking, matching
- Sending and receiving European Volunteers
- Working together with others!



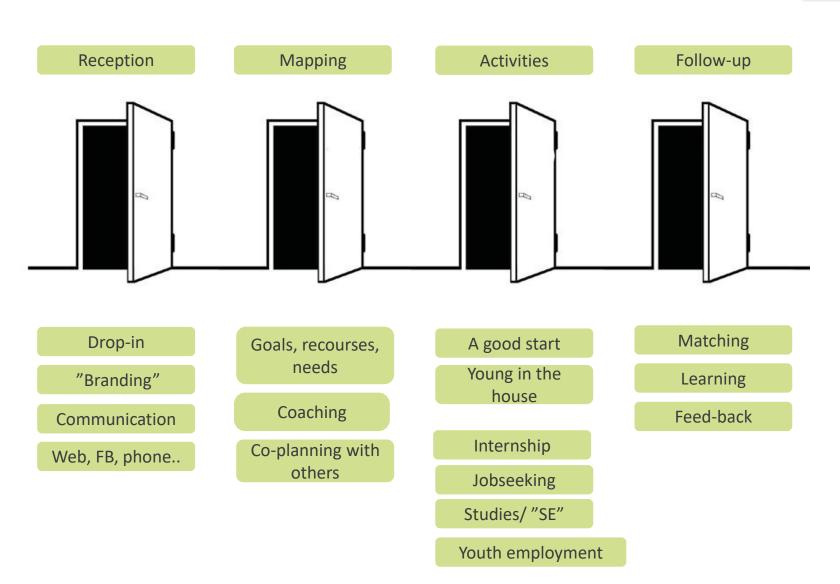








By own initiative...and/or
Public Employment Service
Social Insurance Agency
Social services
Outreach work
Drop outs from school



### Navigatorcentrum

#### <u>Inhouse</u>:

 Coaches, labour market-officers, study guidance counsellors, occupational therapist, teacher, study-coach

#### **Co-work with:**

 Social workers, officers from: PES, Social Insurance Agency, Youth psychiatry, etc..

#### **Challenges now:**

- New national labour market policy/ private sector in focus!
   (The role for the municipality???)
- No national standards for NEET-work/ Navigatorcentrum



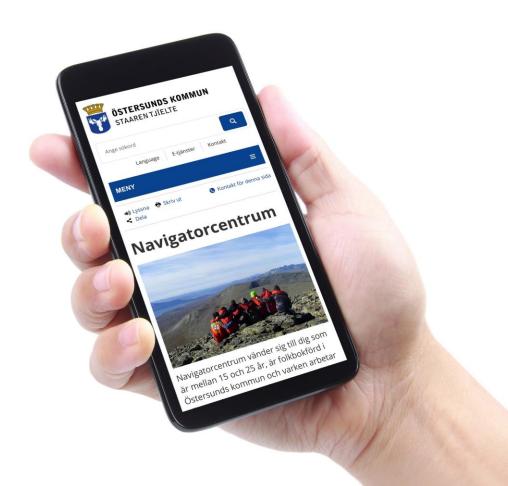




# Thank you!







## **Coordinator Training Programme:**

Pedagogical ideas
Modules in curriculum
Practical information





#### In the Coordinator Training Programme we work on the basis of:

- active participation
  - We expect you to meet the other participants, their context and the curriculum with curiosity, openness, exploration and discussion.
- **sharing and reflecting on experiences and knowledge**We expect you to share experiences, challenges, successes and knowledge from your own context with the other participants, so that we can learn from each other.
- cross-context and cross-national dialogues
   We expect you to have an interest in the diversity and experiences from other contexts, geographically as well as professionally.





## Modules

- **Module 1.** Building One-Stop Guidance Centre
- **Module 2.** Delivering the services in a client-centered way
- **Module 3.** Managing, coordinating and developing multidisciplinary services and team
- Module 4. Creating and developing sustainable networks





#### **Module 1. Building One-Stop Guidance Centre**

This is an orientating module for all the forthcoming modules. The module offers a general overview to nation spesific and common features of OSGC.

- the concept of OSGC and the needs of the target group
- existing support structures and the services they provide to the target group including legal acts behind the services
- building an accessible guidance centre with targeted services and actions





#### Module 2. Delivering the services in a client-centered way

The aim of the module is to support participants to deliver the services in a client-centered way to enhance client's agency and integrity.

- supporting the team to deliver the client-centered services
- the ethical aspects when working with the clients
- present labour market information (LMI) and future trends of the world of work and careers
- raising awareness of guidance centres among clients and developing and coordinating marketing





# Module 3. Managing, coordinating and developing multidisciplinary services and team

The module concentrates on multidisciplinary services and multiprofessional work in OSGC. Especially the focus is on the role of the coordinator.

- managing and supporting multi-disciplinary services, teams and multi-disciplinary collaboration
- planning, supporting and carrying out multi-stakeholder dialogues; internally with staff and partners, externally with young people, decision-makers and civil society
- indicators set for the services and actions and how to operationalise, monitor, document and evaluate them and their meaning

#### Module 4. Creating and developing sustainable networks

The module discusses the position of OSCG in relation to other service providers. The aim is also to strengthen coordinator's understanding of the significance of the background organisations in OSGC operations.

- building effective partnerships (competence, relevance) with the help of local, regional and national support structures
- raising awareness and communicate the added-value of guidance centres among background organisations and partner organisations
- strengthening background organisations' commitment to develop and fund services and actions of guidance centres





# Workshop: Questions for the participants

- We would like you to rate the focus points in each module. Please give number 1 to the most important focus point of the module, number 2 to the second-most important focus point, etc.
- What do you find are the key elements in the work of a coordinator, and how do you see them reflected in this programme?
- What would be interesting for you to experience from other countries' systems in regard to one-stop guidance centres?









Reflections in smaller groups using MURAL - a digital whiteboard









#### Thank you for spending 2 hours with us -

hope you find the concept with one-stop guidance centres interesting

If you would like to follow the development or take part in this in this co-creative process we welcome you as member in the flagship.



