

# VM-PRO

## Self-assessment system for validation of youth mentoring

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*"It is foolish not to learn from the wisest and those who can." (Sofocle)*

*We believe that the mentoring functions help people, in everyday life, improving communication mechanisms, offering belonging, deeper roots and instruments of professional and organizational enrichment, which help the development of talents and the exchange between diversity*

*SIM – Scuola Italiana di Mentoring*

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## Editorial

by Matteo Perchiazzi

“The uncertainties created by flexibility, the lack of trust and dedication that have deep roots, the superficiality of group working and above all the threat of not being able to become someone in the society, of not "building up" through own work. All these conditions encourage people to look for attachment, belonging and depth somewhere else” (Sennet, 1999).

Talking about mentoring as a new methodology and construct, means brushing up and enhancing mechanisms of 'social communication' between 'parts' and 'differences' that always existed and which increasingly needed at all levels of the life of an individual. It means proposing old types of communication in current contexts in which the 'society of individuals' has become 'society at risk' (Beck U., 2008) of marginalization of individuals, minorities and differences.



The mentor, in fact, even before a figure whose functions are at the base of a methodology of development and support, personifies a role of socializing agent at multiple levels, a natural facilitator, an older friend, a passe partout for the world of adults, a continuous reference point. These are functions that in recent years with the advent and consolidation of the flexible society have been lost, and are returning to be requested by real people, by civil society, by the world of the School and University, by professional training and social and disadvantaged areas " (Perchiazzi, M. 2009).

Mentoring is a widespread methodology in the Anglo-Saxon world. In the last 5-7 years a lot has been done in Europe and in particular in Spain, France, Italy, Latvia, to introduce the mentoring methodology in different fields: social, companies, self-entrepreneurship, labor market, universities and schools.



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# Dissemination

## VM-Pro @ #Inclusion\_live Conference

19 June 2018 - Serbia



During the conference #inclusion\_live, which was dealing with social inclusion of youth with disabilities, and gathered more than 100 participants from various relevant institutions and CSOs, our partners from Beogradskaotvorenaškola had an opportunity to provide information on VM-Pro(...)

## “Enhancing the skills of youth with learning disabilities”

22 June 2018 – Bruxelles – Belgium



VM-PRO project was presented at the event “Enhancing the skills of youth with learning disabilities” on 22 June 2018, in Brussels, Belgium.

The event highlighted a whole range of initiatives that have as common goal to enhance skills of youth with (learning) disabilities(...)

## Events

### VM-PRO Kick off Meeting 14-15 June Florence – Italy

The Kick off Meeting took place last 14 and 15 June in Florence, a very good moment to share strategies and materials, to set up future activities and next Transnational Project Meeting.



During these two days many themes and fundamental aspects of the project were addressed. The Quality Management Document was presented, carried out and managed by the partners Phoenix – Belgium and MCA – Bulgaria and identified the members of Board Internal Quality management for each partner.



Two days of full work, sharing ideas and results, definition of joint strategies and planning next steps and deadlines.

The meeting was fundamental for the choral sharing of the first activities developed for the Intellectual Outputs..

## Intellectual Outputs

### IO1: Good practice guide in youth mentoring to prevent educational and labour market dropouts

The activity, piloted by SIM, was based on the analysis of the national reports in which each partner has enclosed case studies and good practices researched and carried out through years of experience in Mentoring field.

The synthetic result of this work will be developed in English version only for all partners and will contribute to implement one of the IO2 sections ‘Development of Section 2 - How to ensure “Good practice in mentoring process”

The full document is available for download at the following link: <https://www.vm-pro.eu/outcomes-downloads/>

#### elements in mentoring programme



## Info-meeting with “Turkey Beyazay Association “



*Info-meeting organized with Turkey Beyazay Association about mentoring opportunities for young people with disabilities. Representative of Beyazay Association and first disabled deputy of Turkey parliament Mr. Lokman Ayva informed Redvet Team about the general situation about disabilities in Turkey(...)*

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*...The team will be going forward in the next months!*



BIG NEWS AHEAD  
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## IO2: Handbook: Extended Code of practice for conducting youth mentoring programme

The document in draft has been produced which will be finalized in English and translated into the respective languages by the end of 2018.

## IO3: Self-assessment system for external validation as a part of a blended-assessment model

The objectives and production methods of the output have been defined. This activity will involve all the international working team that, by the end of November, will have to finalize the document in English, then proceed with the multilingual versions.

## IO4: Android based mobile mentoring application to facilitate distance mentoring for youth with disabilities

The Output progress after the first few months of activity is very satisfactory, which has seen the primary work of the partners Redvet, Phoenix and Marie Curie Association. L'App Android Mobile Learning is work in progress. The platform has been developed with all its functions La piattaforma è stata sviluppata con tutte le sue funzioni .... At the same time we are working to make the App multilingual.

### Mobile App

Now you can use Moodle on your mobile/tablet devices



## Agenda

### Next Meeting

## First Transnational Meeting 2-3 October

### Plovdiv – Bulgaria

During the Next Meeting, that will be hosted in Bulgaria by Marie Curie Association, the partners will work together to finalize the Intellectual Outputs 2 and 3 and they will plan the next preparatory steps for the pilot activities of the outputs. Furthermore, they will share the progress of the second semester and analyze the resulting Internal Quality data. The physical presence of the external evaluator is foreseen, which will provide concrete ideas about the achievement of the project KPI's.

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