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Setting the Ground for Community Development Training

We conducted a comprehensive background needs analysis to discover and examine CSR models and practices currently implemented in companies. Our research focused on current CSR practices in the targeted areas, covering the link between CSR initiatives and local community development, the presence of appointed CSR managers, the business units coordinating CSR activities, the integration of CSR strategies into core business operations, local community involvement, and the results achieved.

We also investigated the needs and challenges of the local areas where the project will be implemented in each partner country, assessing how collaboration between communities and companies can be strengthened. Based on these findings, we defined the main features and released the first version of the Community Development Hub — the online platform where participants will follow the VET course and where all relevant CSR and community development resources are stored and updated.

CO-DESIGN MEETING @ATHENS

The co-design meeting of the VET course took place in Athens, Greece in June 2025 and aimed to create a specific methodology of taking the ground from the data collected, defined and agreed by partners of the structure of the VET course.



VET COURSE

Community Development Training aims to enhance competences and build their capacities to work together with local community stakeholders, thus generating community development initiatives.

The training is based on flexible online learning methods, tailored to the needs of the learners and communities and aimed at adequately preparing future learners/CDMs to cooperate with local communities.



LOCAL HACKATHONS



Partners organised local hackathons in their countries, a kick-off for the design of CD Solutions that participants will develop and implement.

As part of the hackathons, participants generated multiple solutions for each country, which were voted by a jury composed of representatives of companies and local communities. From each country two winning CD solutions were chosen.



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OUR HUB

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CDM SCHOOL @ MILAN, ITALY



Following the completion of the hackathons, an international mobility program was organised with the aim of transferring methods on how to engage and motivate companies in the piloting of solutions. The CDM School was organised from the 23rd to 25th of June in Milan, Italy.

The first day features a workshop led by Professor Alessandro Sancino from the University of Milano, followed by a session with Virginia Valeria Bonsignore from the City of Milan to discuss collaborative agreements and alliances. The day concludes with the presentation of training results and a study visit to Cascina Cuccagna.



The following days of the program focus on external site visits and practical working sessions to develop community solutions. Participants engaged in several study visits, including a tour of the Sky TV studios, Nama (Nuovo Anfiteatro), and Scomodo. For the last day, participants continued with the development of CDM solutions and a final feedback farewell session.

What's next? Stay tuned for the piloting of CD Solutions and our local events!

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