

# HECSOs NEWSLETTER

Higher Education institutions and Civil Society Organisations  
together for community engagement



## HECSOs' second year begins

2022 was the first year of the three-year-long Erasmus+ project HECSOs. During the first project year, the main focus was on literature review on “community engagement”. Furthermore, all necessary data was collected and analyzed. For this, all project partners had to conduct a certain number of case studies about the following main areas or target groups: EU Citizenship, Migrant Integration, Environmental Action, Gender Empowerment, Economic Integration of NEETS, and Management of Common Resources.



## But what is HECSOs?

HECSOs is a project that aims at improving Universities' capacities to cooperate with Civil Society Organizations systematically and continuously on community engagement as an innovative and impactful way for socio-economic inclusion of people in need. To achieve this, 8 project partners (4 Universities and 4 CSOs) from 6 EU countries (Austria, Cyprus, Greece, Italia, Romania, and Spain) cooperate and work together, with the support of a European CSOs network, 2 Universities and 2 CSOs as associated partners.

The project consortium has established a trans-disciplinary and collaborative research group and developed international and research-based learning approaches to identify and disseminate innovative and evidence-based models of intervention and related implementation tools. The project consortium will also identify relevant professional roles that make community engagement approaches more effective and impactful.

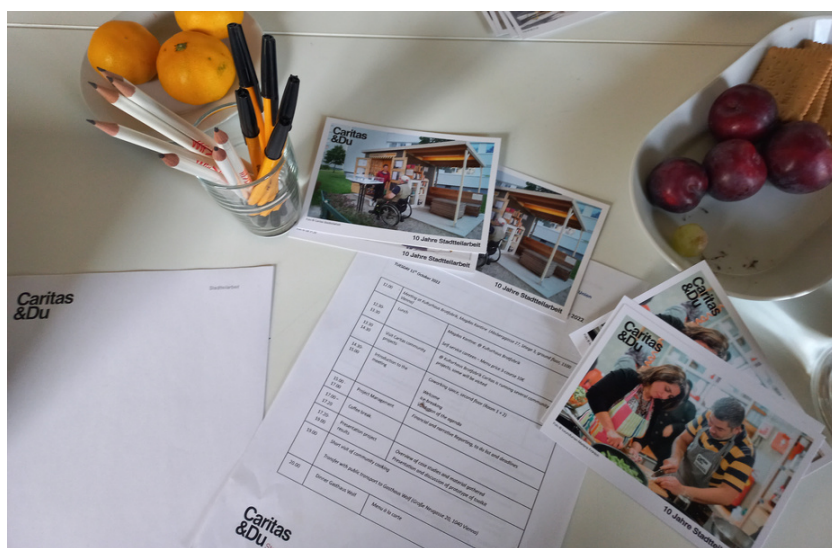


# What's next?

The steps planned for 2023 are the following: the analysis of all the collected data in 2022 will be completed in the first months of 2023. The graphics and layout of the Toolkit will be discussed and finalized, and a big work package will be the completion of the Competence Framework (CF) and Courseware. For this, there will be a market analysis of already existing master and professional courses on Community Engagement and deducted from this Course design and Course content, teaching methods and assessment tools will be developed. By the end of 2023, the Validation Process of the Competence Framework and Courseware will begin.

## HECSOs connects

The project consortium met in May 2022 for the first time in person in Turin, organized by the University of Turin. The second Transnational Project Meeting (TPM) took place in October 2022 in Vienna, organized by Caritas Vienna. There will be two further TPMs this year. The first one took place in Nicosia, Cyprus in March 2023, organized by Synthesis.



The agenda was the launch of the community engagement multi-case analysis report, the assessment of the progress/implementation status, and all project partners planned future actions related to the production of toolkits. The other TPM will take place in September in Bucharest, organized by University Politehnica of Bucharest, where the set of the toolkit on community engagement will be launched, and the progress/implementation status of the design and development of new course curricula will be assessed.

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