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The FEMM Foundation seeks to empower every 21st century woman with the knowledge that ovulation is an essential sign of health. Looking to implement Sustainable Development Goal 17, FEMM is prepared to partner with Member States to bring its accessible educational programs and cutting-edge medical support to women all over the world.

34. Fondazione di Ricerca Scientifica ed Umanistica Antonio Meneghetti

Motivated by the theme of the 2023 HLPF the Antonio Meneghetti Scientific and Humanistic Research Foundation organized a virtual Side Event during the 2023 Annual Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) Youth Forum, to promote capacity-building initiatives connected to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) achievements among young people.

The Side Event organized “Three Erasmus+ projects: “Now I know how!”, “I am able2DO” and, “EQUALS-EU: Gender Equality for Youth leadership globally” to foster entrepreneurship competences and creativity in young people starting from scratch”. These seek to ensure that younger generations are aware of the benefits of SDG implementation through cooperation, to sustain and accelerate action for delivering them. To achieve this, the courses sought to foster young people’s knowledge and ability to enter the job market as protagonists to help in the context where they live, concentrating mainly on the entrepreneurial sphere (and Made in Italy case study), in order to ensure a new economic and entrepreneurial generation, particularly attentive to social issues, to the ethical aspects of work, sustainability, inclusiveness and gender equality. The courses involved more than 100 participants from 20 different countries.

The case study “of Made in Italy” developed following the aftermath of Second World War, as reaction to a situation where the country was destroyed by the Second World War, was presented as a model of “school of life” during the courses. Young participants learned how to recover and enhance their roots and the cultural identity of their territory to develop their “Made in...” based on one of the main characteristics of Made in Italy: the way psychology addresses the problems of their environment.

The three courses mobilize a wide range of multi-stakeholders, in accordance with target 17.6. During the side event, students, teachers, entrepreneurs, public and private sector representatives were involved to increase youth awareness of economic change after the pandemic.

Recommendations:

Many institutional media outlets do not reach young people. Communicating the importance of economic post-pandemic changes and the 17 SDGs through online platforms used mostly by young peoples can help raise awareness and keep young people close and well-informed.

Replicate Erasmus+ course model as best practice to design diversity-based courses and initiatives with young people from different cultures to prevent prejudice, racism and intolerance.

Create new training models to implement direct experiences for youth with economic and business environments, not only from teacher trainers. This can contribute to bridge the gap that exists between the world of education and the labor market

Foster these Erasmus+ courses to develop a solid system of values that can effectively counter the possible apathy (highly experienced during pandemic, the NEET phenomena) and facilitate their integration into labor market.

35. Fondazione Ernesto Illy

Virtuous Agriculture: a model with a double benefit, for the environment and for human health

The idea of Virtuous Agriculture is based on providing a double benefit: for the environment and for human health. For the environment, through carbon sequestration and reduction of contaminants; for human health, through beneficial and protective products against non-