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# STAND BY ME

## SOCIAL-ECOLOGICAL APPROACHES FOR CARE-LEAVERS INCLUSION THROUGH PARTICIPATORY POLICY MAKING

Capacity building in the area of rights of the child

**Stand by Me** is a transnational project, co-funded by the European Union, implemented in 4 European countries: Italy, Romania, Cyprus and Sweden. The project intends to shape and enable pathways for boys and girls, involved in different types of judicial proceedings, who are leaving protection and reception systems (care-leavers). Through the participatory design of tools and working methods, the project intends to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the procedures to support young people's transition to autonomy, involving them in the process of design and implementation of the mechanisms to be adopted.

### What will it achieve?

- Consultation groups in each country, composed of young care-leavers, professionals and policy makers who will meet their peers to identify difficulties and critical junctions regarding rights and autonomy;
- Training tools and guidelines, built on the basis of the material emerged from the consultation process, which will guide the capacity building paths;
- Training of professionals aimed at recognize and address the needs and the demands connected to the path of young people towards autonomy;
- Four online and offline awareness campaigns built on the basis of the consultation process;
- Capacity building for policy makers dedicated to the joint co-construction of an Operational Protocol that will outline common lines of work to improve the system of accompaniment of boys and girls towards autonomy;
- A final public event in Milan for 100 professionals, stakeholders and policy makers in the sector of the countries involved, aimed at sharing and formalizing a Transnational City Alliance, starting from the Operational Protocol.

The project leader coordinator, Città Metropolitana di Milano, will lead the 20-month path, coordinating local actions in the 4 countries involved and curating dissemination activities both on a national and on a transnational level, promoting an European sharing process of reception and supporting practices on young people's autonomy.

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### Metropolitan City of Milan - Italy

Comprised of 134 municipalities for a total of 3,176,180 inhabitants, Città Metropolitana plays a fundamental role in the area of economic and social development; promoting equal opportunities, contrasting any form of discrimination and therefore promoting positive inclusion actions, placing at the center the rights of persons, especially of the young generations. With a long term experience in the area of continuing education and research, thanks to its international networks, to the collaboration with the Court of Appeal of Milan and the Juvenile Courts, with the corporate of professionals and the most representative forensic associations, and nevertheless with the NGOs and the local authorities, Città Metropolitana develops a constant project activity, as core tasks of its Strategic Plan, both on community and national funds, as strategic actions in order to promote a child friendly culture in the metropolitan area.

### Spazio Aperto Servizi ONLUS - Italy

Active in Milan since 1993, it provides educational services, social assistance and specialized services for people with disabilities, children and families in need. The cooperative designs and offers responses to social needs identified by promoting social and community welfare through shared and participatory paths aimed at generating a supportive, active and responsible community.



### Codici | Research and intervention - Italy

An independent organization that promotes research and transformation in the social area, providing support to organizations, institutions and networks in understanding and accompanying the current social changes.



### Asociația AHEAD - Romania

Founded in the year 2013, with the aim to provide educational alternatives for integration and social participation of children and young people belonging to disadvantaged groups. Ahead develops abilities and skills that help children and young people to integrate into society.



### G.G. Eurosuccess Consulting - Cipro

Through its participation in various European development and education projects, Eurosuccess manages to exchange good practices and know-how, covering different target groups and sectors. Therefore, the primary concern of the Organization is to support and provide opportunities for education, creation, and development towards various groups and organizations of society.



### Stiftelsen Fryshuset - Sweden

Dynamic independent and multifaceted movement for young people's development, promoting empowerment and social inclusion of youth with a special focus on those who are at risk or already face exclusion. Fryshuset provides opportunities for young people to develop their innate abilities and discover their passions in order to help them realize their full potential and find their way into society within the fields of work, youth culture, social projects, schools, labour market and entrepreneurship.

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