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I-SICS – INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL INNOVATION COMPETITION FOR STUDENTS AND ADULT LEARNERS

Within the framework of the Erasmus+ Program announced by the European Commission a consortium led by the University of Pannonia won support for „I-SICS – International Social Innovation Competition for Students and Adult Learners” project in 2014. The European Union provides 230 409 EUR, started on 1st September 2014, for the project, ID no: 2014-1-HU01-KA203-002367, with planned completion date of 31st August 2017.

The project will be carried out in cooperation with the following partners: University of Pannonia – Faculty of Business and Economics (Hungary), CVO Antwerpen (Belgium), Europa Consortium (Hungary), BIC Group s.r.o. (Slovakia), Regional Development Agency of Slavonia and Baranja (Croatia), Universitat Rovira I virgili (Spain).

INTRODUCTION OF THE PROJECT:

Through this project our long term goal is to find answers to the most important social challenges of our world, by making the future’s entrepreneurs and leaders aware of these, and by enabling them today to make a change for a more equal future.

The innovative character of the project can be discovered in three main aspects:

1. The adaptation of good practices in the field of entrepreneurship and student competitions to a new field, that of social innovation.
2. The use of the International Social Innovation Competition as a communication channel, using it as an awareness raising campaign to draw the attention of individuals, companies, media, decision-makers and stakeholders on various other levels to the most important social issues and to urge them to act in a socially responsible way.
3. The creation of a Social Innovation Competition Kit, which will be a ready-to-use package of various materials that can be applied anywhere in Europe.



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TIMING OF THE PROJECT:

First part of 2015	Collecting good practices in the field of social entrepreneurship and social innovation competitions
Second part of 2015	Elaboration of the research's results
End of 2015	Invitation to competition
February, March 2016	Trainings for the participants, creating social business plan with the help of mentors
May 2016	Pre-selection: regional competitions
August 2016	International Social Innovation Competition in Hungary
Second part of 2016	Creation of a Social Innovation Competition Kit

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