

New Pathways – Identifying and Promoting Best-Practice
in Supporting Long-Term Unemployed Adults
into Education Pathways



STUDY VISIT: CYPRUS

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A Study Visit to Promote Adult Education and exchange the experience with organizations working with Long-Term-Unemployed people.

In May 2023, a group of dedicated professionals embarked on a transformative study visit to Cyprus. The journey was organized by CiAct, CGE Erfurt e.V and IWM GmbH, these organizations with a shared commitment to empowering long-term unemployed individuals and promoting adult education.

This immersive experience was a revelation, uncovering precious insights from organizations working tirelessly in these domains.



Before their journey, the participants conducted research, contacted various stakeholders, and arranged independent visits. Their pre-visit tasks included reviewing relevant materials and establishing connections with local organizations.



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During the Study Visit

The study visit began with a warm welcome at Emphasys Centre, where Mr. Nicholas Moudouros, Head of Training, presented the center's work. Emphasys Centre, initially a computer training center, has evolved into an education and ICT training hub, focusing on diverse demographic groups. It supports employability and digital skills in the community through various programs.

The group also had the opportunity to meet with the Pancyprian Federation of Labour (PEO), the only labor institute in Cyprus. PEO offers programs and services to assist people in their journey into the job market, including language courses, training, and job coaching.





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The participants documented interviews with speakers, identified pathways for education used by study case organizations for long-term unemployed adults, collected materials for reporting, and organized independent study visits.



Exploring Environmental Organizations in Cyprus:

A significant part of the study visit involved exchanges with environmental organizations in Cyprus, including Zero Food Waste Cyprus, Terra Cypria, and Friends of the Earth Cyprus. These organizations shared their missions and initiatives focused on promoting environmental awareness and sustainability in Cyprus. The participants, in turn, shared insights from German NGOs in eco-friendliness and sustainable practices, fostering collaboration and understanding.



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Exploring Cyprus's Culture and Nature

Throughout the study visit, participants explored the culture and nature of Cyprus. They visited traditional villages, wineries for wine tasting, and environmental centers. These experiences enriched their understanding of Cyprus's unique cultural and environmental facets.

Meeting the Cyprus Refugee Council

The study visit also included an observation of a registration workshop for migrants on "Digital Skills and Soft Skills" conducted by Emphasys and the Cyprus Refugee Council (CyRC). The CyRC, a non-profit organization, provides support to refugees, asylum seekers, detainees, trafficking victims, and survivors of torture. They work to ensure access to rights, integration into local communities, and a satisfactory quality of life for these vulnerable groups.

The study visit to Cyprus was an enlightening experience that allowed the participants to delve into the world of organizations working in the realm of adult education.

