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INTEGRA: Multidisciplinary Mentorship programme to support the entrepreneurship of children in care and young care-leavers



The ethnographic research conducted in the INTEGRA partner countries (Cyprus, Greece, Italy, Portugal and Spain) originated an innovative set of **National Reports** that analyse the process of ageing out of care in EU southern countries. The findings of this European research are highlighted and reviewed in the **White Paper Ageing out of Care into Autonomous Living**, which proposes tailored solutions to challenges, trends and needs that undermine a successful transition into adulthood.

Currently the project partners are coordinating Focus Groups with professionals working with children in care, employers and former successful care leavers where participants share experiences and discuss relevant activities, resources and features they believe should be included in the Platform For Cooperation.

This Platform aims linking target groups and various stakeholders working within or in close collaboration with care services to ease the social and professional integration of young care leavers and children ageing out of care in the community.

Alongside the Platform For Cooperation, project partners are also developing assessment tools, a Mentoring Integration Programme and other resources that will be released soon to empower caregivers as Leaving Care Mentors and ultimately contribute to the improvement of residential care standards at EU level.



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