

A transnational, cross-sectoral Back on Track Stakeholder Network to support the identification, approach and inclusion of rural NEETs as well as to implement and carry the project results forward

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1. About the Back on Track Stakeholder Network

1.1. Introduction

In recognition of the critical need for cross-sectoral collaboration to address the challenges faced by rural NEETs (Not in Education, Employment, or Training), the Back on Track project is establishing a Stakeholder Network. This initiative aims to foster long-term cooperation among key stakeholders from the education, labour market, and social service sectors within the Danube region. By working together, network members strive to ensure the effective implementation and sustainability of project outcomes, thereby enhancing the socio-economic integration of rural NEETs.

1.2. Purpose and objectives

The Back on Track Stakeholder Network is established with the primary aim of promoting sustainable linkages and joint cooperation among diverse stakeholders. The objectives include:

- Ensuring the uptake and long-term sustainability of project results.
- Promoting collaboration between education, labour market, and social organizations.
- Supporting the identification and inclusion of rural NEETs.
- Enhancing the dissemination and implementation of best practices across the region.

1.3. Identification and mapping of stakeholders

We identified the potential stakeholder and mapped them using influence – interest matrix. It is a popular stakeholder analysis method and is classified as a top-down (analytical categorization) method for dividing stakeholders into four categories based on their interest in the organisation or issue at hand and influence to affect the organization's or issue's future.

After the identification and mapping of potential stakeholders, we send them the invitation to join the Back on Track Stakeholder Network and sign the Declaration of Intent.

1.4. Declaration of Intent

Through Declaration of Intent, network members confirm their intent to join the stakeholder network and affirm their dedication to contributing their expertise and feedback through participation at events and promotion of project results, with the aim to contribute to the achievement of the objectives of the Back on Track project.

By signing this Declaration of Intent, the organization commits to:

- 1. Active participation: Engaging actively in the Back on Track Stakeholder Network and its activities.
- 2. Attendance at project workshops: Participating in the scheduled interactive transnational multi-stakeholder dialogue workshops, which will be organized online five times during the

project duration (from June 2024 to June 2026 – half-yearly). At workshops stakeholders will discuss and address the issues of the project activities implemented in specific project period (participation depending on the specific topic of the workshops in relation to stakeholders' expertise).

- 3. Collaboration: Working collaboratively with other stakeholders to address the challenges and opportunities identified in the project.
- 4. Contribution: Providing relevant insights, feedback, and expertise to support the network's objectives and the overall success of the project.

In the Annex 1, you can find the full Declaration of Intent as it was forwarded to the potential members of the Back on Track Stakeholder Network.

2. Back on Track Stakeholder Network

The target number of members for the Back on Track Stakeholder Network was set to at least 100 stakeholders from 10 countries in the Danube Region. Currently, the network comprises 100 members, officially documented through Declarations of intent, demonstrating strong engagement and significant progress toward the goal. Expansion of the Stakeholder Network will continue until the end of this project and potentially beyond.

Here we present all members of the Transnational, cross-sectoral Back on Track Stakeholder Network grouped by countries in the Danube Region (Status Date: August 2025).

	Austria			
No.	Name of organisation	Category of organisation	Target group	
1.	die Berater	Educational/training organisation	Education/training center and school	
2.	bit Schulungscenter GmbH	Educational/training organisation	Education/training center and school	
3.	ibis acam	Educational/training organisation	Education/training center and school	
4.	EVBB	Associated partner	Business support organisation	
5.	VHS Roma Burgenland	Associated partner	Education/training center and school	
6.	WIFI der Wirtschaftskammer Österreich	Educational/training organisation	Sectoral agency	
7.	Zentrum für Soziale Innovation (ZSI)	Educational/training organisation	Higher education and research organisations	
8.	BildungsLAB	Non-governmental organisation	Interest groups including NGOs	
9.	ipcenter.at GmbH	Project partner	Education/training center and school	

10.	Verein Interaktion e.V	Non-governmenatl organisation	Interest groups including NGOs
11.	ÖJAB AusbildungsFit Industrieviertel Nord	Educational/training organisation	Education/training center and school
12.	Berufspädagogisches Institut der ÖJAB - Ausbildungszentrum Wien	Educational/training organisation	Education/training center and school
	Вс	snia and Herzegovina	
No.	Name of organisation	Category of organisation	Target group
13.	Ministry of Economy of Tuzla Canton	Project partner	Government and policymaker
14.	Employment Service of Tuzla Canton	Labor market organization	Labour market organization
15.	Development Association NERDA	Project partner	Non-governmental organisation
16.	Industrial Automation Tuzla	Associated Partner	Employers and industry
17.	Ministry of Culture, Sport and Youth of Tuzla Canton	Associated Partner	Government and policymaker
18.	Amica Educa Tuzla	Non-governmental organisation	Interest groups including NGOs
19.	Ministry of Labor, Social Policy and Return of Tuzla Canton	Government and policymaker	Regional public authority
20.	Association "Prijateljice"	Non-governmental organisation	Interest groups including NGOs
21.	UG Agora	Educational/training organisation	Open education and lifelong learning
		Bulgaria	
No.	Name of organisation	Category of organisation	Target group
22.	Chamber of Commerce and Industry	Non-governmental organisation	Business support organisation
23.	Labour office	Labour market organization	Sectoral agency
24.	Stara Zagora Community Foundation	Non-governmental organisation	Interest groups including NGOs
25.	Don Bosko Bulgaria Foundation	Non-governmental organisation	Interest groups including NGOs
26.	Mission Wings Foundation	Non-governmental organisation	Interest groups including NGOs

27.	International Youth Center Stara Zagora	Social services provider	Local public authority
28.	Trakia University Stara Zagora	Educational/training organisation	Higher education and research organisations
29.	LIPA Civil Club	Non-governmental organisation	Interest groups including NGOs
30.	Municipality of Maglizh	Government and policymaker	Regional public authority
31.	World Without Borders	Non-governmental organisation	Interest groups including NGOs
	Cze	ch Republic	
No.	Name of organisation	Category of organisation	Target group
32.	Maják Plus	Non-governmental organisation	Interest groups including NGOs
33.	DEX Innovation Center	Non-governmental organisation	Interest groups including NGOs
34.	Disponero	Employers and industry	Business support organisation
35.	Úřad Práce (labour office)	Labour market organization	Sectoral agency
36.	District Chamber of Commerce	Employers and industry	Business support organisation
37.	SOS Liberec	Educational/training organisation	Education/training center and school
38.	SEV Český ráj	Educational/training organisation	Education/training center and school
39.	NEET person	Youth representative (NEETs themselves)	General public
40.	DGS Druckguss Systeme s.r.o.	Employers and industry	Enterprise, except SME
41.	Diakonie ČCE, Jablonec nad Nisou	Non-governmental organisation	Interest groups including NGOs
Germany			
No.	Name of organisation	Category of organisation	Target group
42.	YES Forum	European Network	Interest groups including NGOs
43.	Caritasverband Erzdiözese Freiburg	NGO - Youth and Social Work	Interest groups including NGOs
44.	Caritas Slovenia	NGO	Interest groups including NGOs

45.	BAG EJSA	German Network on Youth and Social Work	National public authority
46.	Caritas Ludwigsburg Waiblingen Enz	Associated Partner	Interest groups including NGOs
47.	Rural Youth Europe	European Network	Interest groups including NGOs
48.	LAG Jugendsozialarbeit Baden- Württemberg	NGO - Youth and Social Work	Regional public authority
49.	Bundesarbeitsgemeinschaft Katholische Jugendsozialarbeit BAG KJS	German Network on Youth and Social Work	National public authority
50.	YES Innovation & Research e.V.	NGO	Higher education and research organisations
51.	BAG Mädchenpolitik	Association	National public authority
52.	Internationale Bund	NGO - Youth, Social and Education	Sectoral agency
		Hungary	
No.	Name of organisation	Category of organisation	Target group
53.	Vas County Government Office	Government and policymaker	General public
54.	Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Győr-Moson-Sopron County	Employers and industry	Enterprises
55.	Foundation for a Changing World/ Változó Világért Alapítvány	Labour market organization	Interest groups including NGOs
56.	Vocational Training Center of Nagykanizsa	Educational/training organisation	General public
57.	Pannon Novum Nonprofit Ltd.	Project partner	Interest groups including NGOs
58.	Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Pécs-Baranya Employers and industry Enterprises		Enterprises
59.	CSAT Association	Non-governmental organisation	Interest groups including NGOs
60.	Fürge Diák Student Cooperative	Labour market organisation	Business support organisation
61.	Center for Family and Child Welfare of Sásd	Social service provider	Interest groups including NGOs
Romania			

No.	Name of organisation	Category of organisation	Target group	
62.	AOA	Other	Business support organisation	
63.	SMRDA	Project partner	Interest groups including NGOs	
64.	Ionela Orbisor	Educational/training organisation	Education/training center and school	
65.	Advanced Tehnology System	Other	Business support organisation	
66.	Primaria Comunei Bradu	Social services provider	Local public authority	
67.	DGASPC Arges	Social services provider	Local public authority	
68.	ADICA Calarasi	Educational/training organisation	Interest groups including NGOs	
69.	CRFPA Calarasi	Educational/training organisation	Regional public authority	
70.	CCIA Arges	Other	Regional public authority	
71.	ISJ Arges	Educational/training organisation	Regional public authority	
	Serbia			
No.	Name of organisation	Category of organisation	Target group	
72.	National Employment Service	Labour market organization	Sectoral agency	
73.	UR Ruke prijateljstva	Associated partner	Interest groups including NGOs	
74.	UG Složna Obrva	Associated partner	Interest groups including NGOs	
75.	KUD Čukojevac	Associated partner	Interest groups including NGOs	
76.	National association of youth workers - NAPOR	Associated partner	Interest groups including NGOs	
77.	National Association of Youth Offices	Youth organisation	Interest groups including NGOs	
78.	Centar za omladinski rad	Youth organisation	Interest groups including NGOs	
		Slovenia		
No.	Name of organisation	Category of organisation	Target group	
79.	House! society for people and places so.p.	Social enterprise	SME	

80.	Maribor Adult Education Center	Educational/training organisation	Education/training center and school
81.	Primary school Malečnik	Educational/training organisation	Education/training center and school
82.	PRIZMA Foundation for Improvement of Employment Possibilities, an institution	Project partner	Interest groups including NGOs
83.	Employment Service of Slovenia, Regional office Maribor	Labour market organization	National public authority
84.	The Gender Equality Research Institute - IPES	Non-governmental organisation	Interest groups including NGOs
85.	Adult Education Center Ptuj	Educational/training organisation	Education/training center and school
86.	Association Aktiviraj se! so.p.	Social enterprise	SME
87.	Living Nest z.o.o., so.p.	Social enterprise	SME
88.	Cooperative Dobrina z.o.o., so.p.	Social enterprise	SME
89.	The National Youth Council of Slovenia	Youth organisation	Interest groups including NGOs
		Slovakia	
No.	Name of organisation	Category of organisation	Target group
90.	ADEL Slovakia	Project partner	Interest groups including NGOs
91.	BRATISLAVA POLICY INSITUT	Non-governmental organisation	Interest groups including NGOs
92.	European Dialogue	Non-governmental organisation	Interest groups including NGOs
93.	SOSNA	Non-governmental organisation	Interest groups including NGOs
94.	Center for Youth and Development Slovakia - CYD	Community organisation	Interest groups including NGOs
95.	Združenie PRE LEPŠÍ ŽIVOT	Community organisation	Interest groups including NGOs
96.	Office of the Plenipotentiary of	Government and	
	the Government of the Slovak Republic for Roma Communities	policymaker	National public authority

98.	OZ Sociálny Prešov	Non-governmental organisation	Interest groups including NGOs
99.	Centrum rodiny	Non-governmental organisation	Interest groups including NGOs
100.	Digitálna koalícia	Educational/training organisation	Sectoral agency

3. Introduction of the Back on Track Stakeholder Network members

In the Declaration of Intent there is also the chapter "Introduction of the Network Member", which serves a dual purpose: firstly, to foster meaningful engagement, collaboration, and mutual support within the network, thereby enhancing its effectiveness in achieving shared objectives and serving its constituents. Additionally, the member's description will be utilized to spotlight their contributions on the project's social networks, promoting visibility and recognition among stakeholders and the wider community.

The introduction includes:

- the short description of the network member,
- check list of reasons to become a member,
- participation preferences,
- expectations from the network,
- contact details,
- social media and website.

Reasons to become a member	Number of members
Addressing the NEET crisis	48
Contributing to economic and social impact	57
Improving mental health and well being	44
Promoting social inclusion	59
Enhancing future workforce	59
Preventing long term disengagement	47
Fostering collaboration and partnership	69
Other:	Supporting
	disadvantaged

	individuals in obtaining qualifications
Participation preferences	Number of members
Transnational stakeholder workshops (to discuss and address the issues of the project activities implemented in specific project period)	60
Strategy to foster successful, sustainable outreach and better engaging with rural NEETs (collaboration in preparation, validation, adoption, execution)	40
Regional action plans to empower rural NEETs and improve their life chances through increased social engagement (collaboration in preparation, validation, adoption, execution)	43
Capacity building for stakeholders (participation in Train the Mentor program)	36
Mentoring (delivery of pilot mentoring programme to assist rural NEETs)	28
"Digitalisation of Work" online career fair (possibilities to network, share ideas and interact with others)	40
Outreach and communication (sharing project findings and outcomes within own network)	54

By indicating their preferences, stakeholders help us ensure that their expertise and interest are effectively utilized in the Back on Track project.

From the table we can see that the most stakeholders joined the Back of Track Stakeholder Network to *foster collaboration and partnership* (69). Other most mentioned reasons to join the network were to promote social inclusion (59), contribute to economic and social impact (57) and enhance future workforce (59).

As we see from the second part of the table, the most stakeholders want to participate in *transnational stakeholder workshop* (60). The majority of others prefer to be informed about project findings and outcomes (54) and to participate in creation of regional action plans to empower rural NEETs and improve their life chances through increased social engagement (43).

Anex 1: Declaration of Intent



DECLARATION OF INTENTto join the Back on Track Stakeholder Network

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	Opportunities, an institution



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The Back on Track project represents concerted EU effort to address the pressing issue of rural NEETs. By understanding the characteristics of these young people, providing targeted support and leveraging digital inclusion, the project aims to improve their integration, enhance the attractiveness of rural areas and contribute to the EU's goal of reducing the NEET rate while revitalising rural areas.

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Declaration of Intent

"Back on Track" project

Through this declaration, network members confirm their intent to join the stakeholder network and affirm their dedication to contributing their expertise and feedback through participation at events and promotion of project results, with the aim to contribute to the achievement of the objectives of the Back on Track project.

Commitment:

By signing this Declaration of Intent, the organization commits to:

- Active Participation: Engaging actively in the Back on Track Stakeholder Network and its activities
- Attendance at project workshops: Participating in the scheduled interactive transnational multi-stakeholder dialogue workshops, which will be organized online five times during the project duration (from June 2024 to June 2026 – half-yearly). At workshops stakeholders will discuss and address the issues of the project activities implemented in specific project period (participation depending on the specific topic of the workshops in relation to stakeholders expertise).
- Collaboration: Working collaboratively with other stakeholders to address the challenges and opportunities identified in the project.
- Contribution: Providing relevant insights, feedback, and expertise to support the network's objectives and the overall success of the project.

Benefits:

As a member of the Back on Track Stakeholder Network, the organization will benefit from:

- Networking Opportunities: Connecting with a diverse group of stakeholders from various sectors.
- 2. Knowledge Exchange: Access to shared learning, best practices, and innovative solutions.
- 3. Influence: Having a voice in the development and direction of the Back on Track project.
- 4. Resources: Access to resources and support aimed at addressing the needs of rural NEETs.



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Participation at international events: Having opportunity to speak at or participate in panel discussion during the policy event and final conference, organised by the project.

Confidentiality and Data Use:

The organization understands and agrees that any confidential information shared within the Back on Track Stakeholder Network will be used solely for the purposes of the project. It commits to protecting the confidentiality of shared information and adhering to data protection regulations.

Duration:

This Declaration of Intent remains valid for the duration of the Back on Track project. The organization may renew or terminate our participation in the network by providing written notice to the project coordinators. It is expected and preferable for the network to continue existing even after the project's completion.

Signatories:

Place and date:

Herewith <u>[insert organization name]</u>, represented by <u>[insert representative name and title]</u>, declares its willingness to become a member of the Back on Track Stakeholder Network and actively support the project.

Signature:			

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Introduction of the Network Member

The introduction of the network member serves a dual purpose: firstly, to foster meaningful engagement, collaboration, and mutual support within the network, thereby enhancing its effectiveness in achieving shared objectives and serving its constituents. Additionally, the member's description will be utilized to spotlight their contributions on the project's social networks, promoting visibility and recognition among stakeholders and the wider community.

Short description of the network member:

Please provide a brief overview of your organisation (area, scope, form of activity, experience/knowledge related to NEETs).

Limit the description to 1.500 characters.

Reasons to become a member:

Please tick which of the following reasons related to NEETs contributed to your decision to join the network:

- Addressing the NEET crisis
- Contributing to economic and social impact
- Improving mental health and well being
- Promoting social inclusion
- Enhancing future workforce
- Preventing long term disengagement
- Fostering collaboration and partnership
- Other: ______

Participation preferences:

Please indicate which project activities you would like to be involved in by checking the appropriate boxes:

- Stakeholder workshops (transnational online multi-stakeholder dialogue to discuss and address the issues of the project activities implemented in specific project period)
- Strategies (preparation, validation, adoption, execution of BoT strategy to foster successful, sustainable outreach and better engaging with rural NEETs)



- Action plans (preparation, validation, adoption, execution of BoT regional action plans to empower rural NEETs and improve their life chances through increased social engagement)
- Capacity building for stakeholders (participation in Train the mentor program)
- Mentoring (delivery of pilot mentoring programme to assist rural NEETs)
- "Digitalisation of Work" online career fair (possibilities to network, share ideas and interact with others)
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By indicating your preferences, you help us ensure that your expertise and interests are effectively utilized in the Back on Track project.

Expectation from the network:

Please provide a short description of your organisation needs and expectation regarding the Back on Track stakeholder network.

Limit the description to 500 characters.

Contact details:

- Contact person:
- E-mail:
- Phone number:

Social media and website:

Provide links to the organization's social media profiles and website:

- Facebook:
- Instagram:
- LinkedIn:
- Website:





Partners of the project:

ÖJAB

South Muntenia Regional Development Agency (SMRDA)

ADEL Slovakia

DEX Innovation center z.s.

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Stara Zagora Regional Economic Development Agency (SZ REDA)

Ministry of Economy of Tuzla Canton (MPTK)

Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Serbia (CCIS)

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