



SALT YOUTH IN EUROPE



WHAT?

A group of young people and their mentors from Salt Catalonia, working in school and after-school media laboratories, have created a project through which they will cross Europe and visit a similar media laboratory in Denmark in May 2013.

The project is linked to strong and innovative projects in Salt and Denmark, financed by the European Commission, and also to the new *Joining Forces for Youth* network in Salt.

The visit and its planning and funding will offer strong and useful empowerment of the young people from Salt.

So, 15 young people from the Salt media labs and 3 of their mentors would like to spend a week in Denmark - learning together with Danish youth from similar media labs.

This pioneer initiative is expected to start a strong tradition among Salt youth to take European initiatives in support their own life and work perspectives.



WHY?

The Community of Salt has for many years been facing dramatically increasing problems with offering young people educations and jobs.

Due to the severe crisis in Spain and other European countries, public authorities are not likely to be able to finance efficient solutions.

Therefore stakeholders in Salt have, in collaboration with European partners, launched innovative youth initiatives in Salt.

Supported by the *Joining Forces for Youth* in Salt and by several European projects, a group of young people from Salt would like to expand these initiatives through a one week study visit to similar media labs in Aarhus, Denmark. The visit is a new and strong initiative planned by the young people and their mentors themselves, and will contribute immensely to the young people's self-empowerment...

WHO?

15 young people and their mentors would like to collaborate with a similar Danish group working in media labs, acquiring new skills and interests...

But who is behind this youth initiative?

The young people's initiative is strongly supported by the European LABlearning and Xploit initiatives, funded by the European Commission, as well as by the *Joining Forces for Youth* in Salt, counting strong organisations such as the Municipality, IES Vallvera, ERAM, Casals des Infants and the SERGI Foundation.

The Salt youth will be visiting the Aarhus Social and Healthcare College in Denmark, well-known as a solid organisation in European cooperation and mobility, and with more than 10 years' experience in developing new and motivating learning opportunities for youth.

So, strong organisations support the young people... *But the initiative is created, planned and carried out by the young people themselves...*



AND THEN, WHAT...?

The young people in Salt are trying to empower themselves to find ways out of unemployment and disengagement from education.

They do that by working in media labs, offering 21st century skills as media fluency, creativity, entrepreneurial mentality and interest in the community.

At the same time the media labs encourage the young people to express and unfold their talents, follow their interests, and to re-gain interest in learning and working, and first of all to learn to help themselves!

→ BUT THE SALT YOUTH NEEDS YOUR HELP!!

The travel cost of the initiative is around 6000 euro, and the young people in Salt are asking you and your organisation to help making the initiative a reality. *Could you make a contribution?*

After returning to Salt, the young people will offer you media story-telling about the visit and how they worked with the Danish youth.