

news letter



**Bridging Opportunities for Rural
NEETs through Counseling**

ABOUT THE PROJECT

"Bridging Opportunities for Rural NEETs through Counseling" is an Erasmus+ Cooperation Partnership project aimed at improving the employability and social inclusion of NEETs (young people Not in Education, Employment, or Training) in rural areas.

The project provides career counseling, job search skills, and tailored training opportunities to support NEETs in transitioning into the workforce or further education. Key outputs include a practical guide for counselors, an interactive online platform, and awareness-raising activities. The initiative also engages local communities and employers to highlight the potential of rural youth.

The partnership includes organizations from Turkey, Latvia, Greece, Spain, Italy, and Norway. RURAL-CONNECT promotes a sustainable and transferable model that can be adapted across different European regions.



**JOIN US AS WE DEVELOP
A REPLICABLE MODEL FOR
SUSTAINABLE RURAL NEET
INTEGRATION**

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FIRST TRANSNATIONAL MEETING – RIZE, TURKEY

Kick-off meeting of the project was held on 27-28 March 2025 and hosted by Recep Tayyip Erdoğan University in Rize, Turkey.

During the two-day meeting were discussed the objectives of the project, expected results, activities to be implemented, communication strategy and budget. Partners shared information about the preparatory work they have done in their institutions since the beginning of the project.

One of the important things on the agenda was to agree on timeline of all the tasks and report that needs to be prepared on NEET. Also, partners talked about the counseling guide to be developed for NEET youth and the content and development processes of the online interactive remote counseling platform.

The meeting ended with a visit to the Rize Tea Bazaar after the question and answer part.