



EU FUNDING CALLS: UNLOCKING OPPORTUNITIES FOR E-SERVICE LEARNING AS A CATALYST FOR SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT

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In today's interconnected world, e-service learning has emerged as a powerful tool for fostering social engagement and meaningful community participation. Recognizing its immense potential, the European Union (EU) has launched several funding calls aimed at supporting projects that leverage technology to promote e-service learning, as the Erasmus+ Programme that funded our project.

The following funding opportunities aim to facilitate the development of scalable and sustainable e-service learning initiatives, leveraging digital tools and technologies.

Digital Europe Programme: In addition to its focus on digital transformation, the Digital Europe Programme offers funding opportunities for projects that leverage technology for e-service learning. This includes initiatives aimed at developing digital platforms, tools, and resources that facilitate interactive and collaborative learning experiences.

Projects focused on promoting digital skills, digital literacy, and inclusive digital participation through e-service learning approaches can benefit from this funding.

European Social Fund Plus (ESF+): The ESF+ aims to promote social inclusion, employment, and education across Europe. It supports projects that enhance the skills and employability of individuals, including initiatives that utilize e-service learning as a means of acquiring digital competencies and fostering social engagement. Funding is available for projects that offer online training, mentoring, and virtual community engagement opportunities to empower individuals in marginalized communities.

Creative Europe Programme: The Creative Europe Programme encourages projects that promote cultural diversity, artistic expression, and creative collaboration. Within this framework, funding opportunities exist for projects that incorporate e-service learning approaches to facilitate cross-cultural dialogue, enhance digital creativity, and encourage active participation in the cultural and creative sectors. Such projects can utilize digital platforms to engage individuals in cultural heritage preservation, digital storytelling, and interactive artistic experiences.



EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (Horizon Europe): Horizon Europe, the successor to Horizon 2020, provides funding for research and innovation projects. Under this program, projects exploring the intersection of e-service learning, technology, and social engagement can receive support. Funding is available for projects that develop innovative methodologies, tools, and frameworks to maximize the impact of e-service learning on society. This includes research initiatives aimed at understanding the effectiveness of e-service learning in promoting social engagement and driving positive societal change.

In conclusion, e-service learning has emerged as a dynamic approach to promote social engagement, empowering individuals to contribute meaningfully to their communities. The European Union recognizes the importance of e-service learning and has established funding calls to support transformative projects in this domain. By leveraging these opportunities, organizations can harness the power of technology to create inclusive and innovative e-service learning initiatives that drive positive change and empower individuals to become active citizens in an interconnected world.



EMPOWERING STUDENTS TO SHAPE THE FUTURE: EXPLORING PROFESSIONS AHEAD – A SERVICE-LEARNING PROJECT IMPLEMENTED BY UPB

Master's students at the University POLITEHNICA of Bucharest have taken a pioneering step towards empowering students from underprivileged backgrounds. Through an inspiring service-learning project, they have embarked on a mission to familiarize young minds with the professions of the future. By delving into the realms of virtual reality, artificial intelligence, mechatronics, civil engineering, and green energy, these ambitious learners aim to ignite curiosity and nurture a passion for cutting-edge technologies. With the supportive partnership of Ion Iorgulescu Secondary School in Romania's Argeş County, this collaborative initiative is set to redefine educational experiences.



PRESENTATION OF SERVICE-LEARNING PROJECT IMPLEMENTED AT FACULTY OF EDUCATION MATEJ BEL UNIVERSITY

On May 15, 2023, a presentation of the results of selected service-learning projects implemented at the Matej Bel University Faculty of Education took place. This semester, students implemented projects with different target groups: seniors in social service facilities, children and youth in kindergarten, and organizations working with children and youth accused of detention and the Roma community. The projects contributed to solving various problems and challenges in the communities while developing our students' knowledge and skills.



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