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The EURHOPE Project Methodological Handbook Is Now Available Online

We are pleased to announce the publication of the EURHOPE Project Methodological Handbook, one of the main outcomes of the European cooperation process developed within the project.

The document serves as both a methodological and operational reference for all stakeholders committed to promoting the well-being of adolescents living outside their family of origin. It provides a practical, transferable, and replicable model for strengthening social support networks through relationship-based mentoring.

The Handbook is the result of the experience gained by the project partners and an in-depth analysis of the European context, which highlights a shared challenge: ensuring that young people living in residential care receive not only high-quality educational and support services, but also meaningful and lasting relationships capable of accompanying them on their path towards independence.

A Relationship-Based Methodology

At the heart of the EURHOPE approach is the development of "**social kinship**"—a network of supportive adults who, in collaboration with social services and residential care communities, can become stable and trusted figures in the young people's lives.

The Handbook presents an educational model grounded in scientific evidence, European policy and legal frameworks, and good practices developed across the partner countries. It highlights the key role of the educational community in preventing social exclusion and promoting active citizenship.

From Theory to Practice: A Replicable Operational Model

The publication guides professionals, organisations, and institutions through every stage of implementing the EURHOPE model, providing practical tools, methodological guidance, and monitoring criteria.

Among the Handbook's main contents are:

- the social, pedagogical, and legal framework underpinning the model;
- the profile and competencies of professionals and the supportive adults involved;
- the training pathway for supportive adults, structured into theoretical, experiential, and practical modules;
- the methodology for discussion groups focusing on European citizenship, rights, sustainability, and democratic participation.

- guidelines for implementing arts- and creativity-based workshops, through which young people transform their ideas and reflections into podcasts, awareness-raising campaigns, audiovisual productions, and other forms of social communication;
- monitoring, impact evaluation, and risk management tools, essential for ensuring the quality, continuity, and sustainability of the interventions.

Investing in Relationships That Build the Future

The Handbook is intended for professionals in the social and educational sectors, Third Sector organisations, social services, public authorities, policymakers, and anyone interested in developing innovative inclusion pathways for children and young people living outside their family of origin.

Its aim is to provide a practical, ready-to-use resource that supports local programme design and encourages the adoption of shared practices centred on educational relationships, the active participation of young people, and community engagement.

Looking Beyond the Project

The publication of the Handbook marks an important milestone, but not the end of the journey.

Thanks to its modular structure and the methodology developed by the European partnership, the EURHOPE model has been designed to be transferable, adaptable, and replicable across different local contexts, contributing to the development of increasingly inclusive local support networks capable of accompanying young people throughout their personal growth and transition to adulthood.

Investing in relationships means investing in social cohesion. This is the vision underpinning EURHOPE: to build communities that leave no one behind, fostering a more participatory, supportive, and rights-based Europe for future generations.

The EURHOPE Methodological Handbook is now available and represents a practical resource for everyone wishing to contribute to the development of stronger, more inclusive, and future-oriented educational communities.



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