

Undergraduate Higher Diploma in Social Entrepreneurship

The Undergraduate Higher Diploma in Social Entrepreneurship Programme has been developed as part of an Erasmus+ project launched in 2021. The consortium is led by Advenio eAcademy and is composed of Higher Education Institutions and NGOs from four countries, Malta, Italy, Greece, and Turkey. It includes the following organisations:-



Academic Partners



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The Erasmus+ SocEntrep4NGOs programme started off with an initial market research in the participant countries to identify the most appropriate specialist subjects and the level of the courses required. It then called for the development of the course materials, production and digitisation of all self-learning and collaborative learning objects as well as the certification of the programme.

The Level 5 programme programme comprises three stages:-

Stage #1: 4 Core modules of 8 ECTS Credits each (32 ECTS in total) at Level 5

ARPEL Process valid for up to 32 ECTS credits at Level 5, OR

Stage #2: 8 Specialist Modules x 4 ECTS credits valid for 32 ECTS credits at Level 5

Stage #3: Research Project OR Internship x 26 ECTS credits at Level 5

The programme seeks to equip participants with the necessary management skills, tools and techniques to advance their own enterprises and to inform and guide the development of their organisation within the broad areas of Social Entrepreneurship more effectively.

How can I apply for ARPEL Process to begin the programme?

The participants need to complete the following steps to complete the process:

1. Register for the ARPEL Process and make sure to confirm the eligibility. Registration link: <https://forms.office.com/r/Tgb1bYBDQr>
2. After registration, an email will be sent to the applicant containing the ARPEL Process Guidelines and link to pay the fee of Eur197 (Eur 166.5 + Eur 30.5 VAT).
3. Following payment, the applicant will receive the detailed ARPEL Process form to be filled in.
4. Send the relevant documents in English Language and in PDF format with the requested file name
5. Confirm the availability for the interview. Make sure to be on time for this interview.
6. Respond to the final results and submit any concerns/appeals to admin@aea.academy
7. Join the Stages 2 & 3 in sequence and earn the Level 5 - Undergraduate Higher Diploma in Social Entrepreneurship at 90 ECTS credits!

What is the ARPEL process?

The ARPEL process is for applicants with suitable experience and recognises the experiences and prior learning of such participants ensuring the recognition and accreditation with ECTS credits at EQF/MQF Level 5 for such learning and work experiences. This process involves data collection, organisation, evaluation, and validation of student learning and experience profiles to obtain Accreditation & Recognition of Prior Experiences & Learning in the field of commercial or social entrepreneurship.

What is the Eligibility to apply for ARPEL?

The ARPEL participant must satisfy the following minimum qualification and experience requirements:

- A minimum of 2 years work experience in an SME environment
- IELTS Level 5 / English Language Proficiency Certificate

How many ECTS credits can a student earn through the ARPEL process?

Upon successful completion, students will earn 32 ECTS credits at EQF/MQF Level 5.

How much I need to pay for the ARPEL process?

There is a minimal administration fee of Eur192 for the ARPEL Process registration.

What are the details requested in the ARPEL registration form?

The participants need to fill the basic information in the ARPEL registration form and then submit fee for the ARPEL process Eur166.95+VAT (Eur197) to complete registration.

What are the details requested in the ARPEL application form?

The participants need to fill the details of Formal, Informal, Non-formal Learning experiences and Work experience.

Formal Learning comprises participation and successful completion of EQF ECTS accredited short courses or programmes.

Informal Learning comprises participation and successful completion of non-EQF ECTS accredited short courses, seminars, events, or programmes that provide CPD hours certification.

Non-formal learning comprises learning opportunities that the user may have benefitted from through personal home study activities, philanthropic interests, or hobby or other non-work activities. It also includes learning experiences through some personal triumph or challenge overcome, or some other extraordinary life experience which demonstrates strong soft skills such as strength of character, leadership, perseverance, etc

Work Experience is based on a minimum number of 2 years of work experience in an SME or NGO environment in which various skills and competencies have been acquired and proficiency in which can be demonstrated.

Is there any interview in the ARPEL process?

The participants are requested to attend an evaluation interview with the Evaluator of the ARPEL process. The interview will be of maximum 50 minutes duration. The interview plan will be sent via email.

Will an accredited Certificate be issued on successful completion of the process?

Students that successfully complete the ARPEL process will receive a certificate titled '*Undergraduate Certificate in Social Entrepreneurship*' - EQF/MQF Level 5 at 32 ECTS.

How can I join the complete Undergraduate Higher Diploma in Social Entrepreneurship programme?

The participants who successfully pass Stage 1 are eligible a full scholarship for Stages 2 & 3 and can complete the full Undergraduate Higher Diploma in Social Entrepreneurship programme as part of the Erasmus+ SocEntrep4NGOs programme.