

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 was led by Advenio eAcademy and is composed of Higher Education Institutions and NGOs from four countries, Malta, Italy, Greece, and Turkey. It included the following organisations:-



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University of
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TURKEY



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Entrepreneurship,
GREECE



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and Ionian Chambers
of Commerce,
ITALY

Following the successful completion of the project including a pilot programme launched in 2022, Advenio eAcademy in collaboration with the Higher Education Partners listed above are pleased to confirm the continued offer of the Level 5 programme comprising:-

Stage #1: 4 Core modules of 8 ECTS Credits each - 32 ECTS credits

OR

ARPEL Process valid for up to 32 ECTS credits

Stage #2: 8 Specialist Modules x 4 ECTS credits - 32 ECTS credits

Stage #3: Research Project OR Internship - 26 ECTS credits

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.

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 or NGO 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.

What is the cost of the ARPEL process?

The charges for the ARPEL process as an integral part of the full programme is included in the published full programme tariffs. The cost of the ARPEL process as a stand-alone module is Eur490. Participants that successfully complete the ARPEL process as a stand-alone module, will receive a certificate titled '*Undergraduate Certificate in Social Entrepreneurship*', accredited at EQF/MQF Level 5, 32 ECTS credits.

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.

Does the ARPEL process include any online interviews?

Participants are required to attend an evaluation interview as part of the ARPEL process. The duration of the interview will be a maximum of 50 minutes. An interview plan will be sent via email prior to the interview to assist the participant in the preparation for the interview.

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

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

1. Fill in the programme registration form and ensuring that you meet with the eligibility criteria. Select ARPEL Process to register for the recognition of prior learning option. Registration link: <https://forms.office.com/e/Btvb30TM7q>
2. After registration, a student agreement and invoice will be sent to the email address including in the registration form. The agreement needs to be signed in confirmation and returned via email along with proof of payment of the invoice.
3. Once the agreement and relevant funds are received, the agreement will be counter signed and returned via email. Access details to the ARPEL Process will be included.
4. The Guidelines to the ARPEL process is a detailed support document provided to guide students through the process. It identifies the support documents required (with appropriate English language translations when original documents are not in English). Uploads should be 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!