



Brief description of the best practice: Big Foot Project

Big Foot project is part of Life Long Learning Programme addressed to young people and old habitants of the rural municipalities where traditional handicraft go together with digital technologies, blending tradition and development. Currently, The Big Foot approach is implemented in three rural municipalities: Berkovitsa, Bulgaria; Trikala, Greece and Gubbio, Italy.

The idea of the Big Foot project is to bridge the gap - and establish intergenerational learning and dialogue in the mountain areas, enabling and valuating the skills and knowledge of the older generation of locals, combining traditional knowledge with modern communication tools and expertise in order to enable innovative, creative and productive joint solutions for local sustainable development. The project aims to achieve this by offering training to locals in selected mountainous communities and supporting community consultations as sharing opportunities for young and old inhabitants.

Big Foot is set out to tackle key issues at European level: marginalization of the rural mountain areas and their ageing population - by focusing on the valorisation and maintenance of the elderly population, traditional knowledge and specific local culture.

Partners

- **Municipality of Gubbio** is the beneficiary in charge of the experimentation component of the Big Foot project.
- **Gouré** is a private research center offering consultancy services to public subjects and is the coordinator who will supervise the correct management and implementation of all partnership activities.
- The **MENON** (European Innovation and Research Network) is responsible for the manifold aspects of intergenerational learning as well as for the development of the related training strategy.
- The **AEM** (European Association of Elected representatives from Mountain Regions) is the partner in charge of the dissemination and awareness.
- **CDNWB** (Centre for Development of North-West Bulgaria Foundation) is leading the partnership in the development of quality strategy and tools.
- **KENAKAP SA** (Trikala Development Agency) is in charge of developing the participatory mapping of Big Foot.



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- **UNEP Vienna - ISCC** (Environmental Reference Centre for the Mountain Partnership Secretariati) is in charge of valorizing and exploiting the Big Foot achievements.
- **NR National Research Council (CNR)** has a transversal role in the project development.

Images



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