



## FIRST MEETING

The partners of the project IGNITE EUROPE held their first meeting in Liverpool on 24th and 25th of November 2011. During the meeting, the partners presented their organisations, discussed the situation of social entrepreneurship in their territories, and worked in detailing the work plan and the work attributed to each partner.

## AIMS OF THE PROJECT

IGNITE EUROPE aims to train trainers to develop and support social entrepreneurs.

The project is expected to also raise awareness of the field of social entrepreneurship in the partner countries and across Europe.

In the short term, Ignite Europe will develop a training programme for social entrepreneurs. The developed training programme is based on the successful IGNITE training programme of South Sefton Development Trust (SSDT).

The aim of the new product, Ignite Europe, is to enable the target group (VET teachers, trainers, tutors and VET institution managers) to deliver a



*Representatives of the partner organisations posing during the Liverpool meeting*

programme of support to encourage and develop social entrepreneurship with students facing difficulties in the labour market.

The final programme will be adapted to the needs of partner institutions and their learners.



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## PARTICIPANTS

The partnership is composed of the following six institutions:

- South Sefton Development Trust (United Kingdom)
- Euro Training (Bulgaria)
- SYNTHESIS Center for Research and Education Ltd (Cyprus)
- Kolping-Bildungswerk Wuerttemberg e. V. (Germany)
- Social Innovation Fund (Lithuania)
- Emmerce EEIG (Sweden)

## COMMENTS

Ms. Cate Murphy, chief executive of SSdT, said: “The SSdT are excited that our Ignite programme has received Europe-wide recognition through the approval and launching of Ignite Europe.”

“In the long term, Ignite Europe will enable people across Europe to implement their social business ideas benefiting their local communities and society in general.”

George Isaias of the Synthesis Center said: “Ignite Europe is a stepping stone towards the future.”

“The project comes at the right time when Europe is facing one of its worst economic crisis and people begin to better understand the potential of social entrepreneurship in creating jobs, and alleviating social and environmental issues.”

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