



Founded in 2014 within the Apulia Region-funded Program “Bollenti Spiriti”, SVEG Ricerca Formazione Lavoro is a Social Promotion Association (APS) and a Tertiary Sector Entity (ETS) aiming to foster social cohesion through cultural initiatives and educational activities for children and youth. New challenges will build on past successes, serving in turn as the impetus for future actions in the fields of **youth education, vocational training and lifelong learning**.

Our team

SVEG’s operating staff is characterized by a unique diversity of professional backgrounds and technical competences. Our team members are equipped with solid communication, event management and project delivery skills across sectors. Creative and dynamic, the staff has participated in numerous social and voluntary activities, with a history of success in getting the local youth community actively involved. The educational background of SVEG’s team ranges from post-graduate level education in Organizational Behaviour from prestigious institutions such as the LSE to doctorate level qualification in statistical sciences, and members speak Italian, English and Spanish at a native level.

By virtue of its network of highly skilled professional collaborators, since its inception SVEG has played a fundamental role in the development of the community in which it is based, becoming an essential reference point for local municipalities and children of the surrounding area.

What we do

- recreational programmes (after-school clubs for primary and secondary school students, summer clubs, art and craft workshops, cooking workshops and sports activities);
- social research, aiming to develop and disseminate studies in the humanities;
- social promotion intended to advance networking initiatives, exchange of experiences and best practices;
- artistic and cultural events (meetings, exhibitions, higher education courses, theatre and literary events);
- assisting public and private organizations in the design of projects to apply for public funding (at a European, national and regional level);
- monitoring national and European programs;
- obtaining up-to-date and complete information on EU funding programs and analysing calls for proposals and tender specifications;
- creating national and international networks facilitating the dissemination of project results.

Accreditations

- SVEG is accredited by the regional registry of the **Italian Civil Service**;
- The Italian national civil service adopts a “learning by doing” approach, attaching socio-economically disadvantaged persons to experienced professions able to transmit their know-how.
- We receive apprentices through the RED project (**Regional Dignity Income**), a national Italian government-funded instrument meant to combat poverty and support social and occupational integration.

Established Partnerships

- We are currently associated with the **University of Salento**, aiming to provide internships in concordance with university curricula;
- We collaborate with **San Cassiano’s Social Services**. Generally, the children we work with in this context come from socio-economically disadvantaged backgrounds, which constitutes SVEG’s principal focus.

Current Focus – Erasmus + KA1 and KA2

In the context of Erasmus + youth mobility (KA1 and KA2) and potential partnership in an international consortium, SVEG aims to provide its young associates with learning experiences abroad that:

- Expose them to another culture, help them develop foreign language skills
- Provide them with educational advancement and marketable professional skills

Parameters for future project collaboration:

- SVEG is interested in acting as an **emitting** organisation;
- *Number of participants:* **10 participants**;
- *Participant age and background:* high school and university students aged between **18 and 30 years**;
- *Project duration:* **3 – 4 weeks**;
- *Activities:* **Mixed professional/educational**, ideally including trips to companies, workshops, coursework, and recreational activities of a culturally enriching character;
- *Area of interest:* **marketing** (social media, marketing management systems, audiovisual production, consumer behaviour analysis) in the fields of **gastronomy** and **tourism**;
- *Learning objectives:* **English** or **other European languages** (participants will begin with basic to intermediate knowledge of English); marketable skills in the above mentioned areas of interest with a view to **university applications** or **future employment**.