

# SPACE



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## Project description SPACE

SPACE is a project within the framework of the Swedish ESF focusing on integration through exchange.

The target group of the project are young people aged 18-30, who are not in employment, education or training (NEET) and who are considered to be vulnerable with regard to their chances of entering education or employment. The focus is mainly on individuals who are long-term unemployed or long-term sick and sometimes face physical, mental, social or other disadvantages and limitations. These young people might be at high risk for lifelong need of extensive social resources unless appropriate activities are made available for them to meet the needs of the labour market. They are often in need of social welfare or supported by parents or other benefits.

The goal of the project is to increase the chances for young people to discover themselves and their abilities, and to find their way back to education or employment.

The project will be implemented with groups of 8-12 participants starting in 2016. Three months of preparation in Sweden with language training, intercultural training and internship will prepare the participants for the stay abroad.

The participants stay abroad for an internship in a European country for six up to eight weeks and are initially being accompanied by Swedish personnel. Participants are also supported by the partner organization abroad, by pedagogical skilled personnel.

The activities within the project both in Sweden and abroad will develop the participants' language, intercultural and social skills and increase the chances to find the way back to education or employment. After the internship abroad, the participants start the follow-up phase in Sweden aiming to find their way to become self-sufficient.

Other objectives of the project are to host participants from abroad for an internship period in Sjuhärad in Sweden.

The project is financed by the European Social Fund and Sjuhärads samordningsförbund. The project runs from November 2015 to October 2018. A more specific project plan is to be found on the website [www.samverkanvg.se/space](http://www.samverkanvg.se/space).

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