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Presentation of projects CD SKILLS and Finance4SocialChange at the D-Care Labs kick-off event

Learning from and developing synergies with complementary DTP projects can be key to the sustainability of projects

Danube Transnational Programme (DTP) project D-Care Labs has officially kicked off on the 20th October 2020. With the kick-off event the project partners aimed towards expanding the knowledge of our project and the DTP, helping to link stakeholders with complementary experiences and increase the visibility of our and similar projects and the DTP programme so that we ensure bigger impact of activities on a regional, national and wider level.

It is our belief that drawing synergies between similar projects and initiatives are key for sustainable support and thriving of social entrepreneurship in the Danube Region and this is why we invited 2 Danube Transnational Programme projects to present their outcomes and ongoing activities.

Dr Jernej Dolinšek (UKC Maribor) and Ms Jasmina Dolinšek (Municipality Maribor) have presented a few outcomes of previous projects LQ CELIAC and Focus IN CD and activities within ongoing CD SKILLS project with emphasis on possible synergies between the CD SKILLS and D-CARE LABS as they target similar challenges. Possible fields of cooperation with D-Care Labs that were mentioned could include piloting services aimed at early recognition of the celiac disease in risk groups and elderly population, detection of complications of celiac disease and telemedicine solutions in COVID-19 pandemic.

Dr Volker Then (CSI Heidelberg) presented the activities and goals of the Finance4SocialChange project which promotes mutual learning between social enterprises, accelerators, impact investors and relevant national and regional policymakers. With a variety of different approaches and activities Finance4SocialChange aims at improving the eco-system for social investment in the Danube region – improvements in eco-system for social investors could be beneficial for social innovators and start-ups looking for funding.

We are looking forward to the development of synergies with both projects.

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