

Local workshops

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- Partner: Turkey
- Target group: Parents dealing with social and professional problems.

Goal	Improve social and work inclusion of target group
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ support awareness and a knowledge value of competences ▪ raise awareness of personal skills and self-esteem of beneficiaries ▪ promotion social and political empowerment ○ develop support for parents dealing with social and professional difficulties
Methodology	Popular non-formal education as an empowerment tool for target group
No. of beneficiaries involved	88 parents
No. of staff operators involved	3 2 teachers and 1 psychologist
Activities	<p>Workshops for parents dealing with social and professional difficulties. 3 workshops were organized by Bartın Provincial Directorate of Education in coordination with Directorate of Social Service.</p> <p><i>First of all, it was researched the problems of families in Bartın and it was found out that most families complain about the lack of communication in the family and unsocialness of their children.</i></p> <p><i>A study made it clear that tv, internet and computer games have a huge negative effect on communication in family and also in social life. It is not possible to get out them out of our lives entirely because of the need but raising consciousness to parents and introducing restriction can reduce the negative effects. With this intend we organized 3 workshops in 3 different schools that we choose according to a field research.</i></p> <p><i>In each workshop, a psychologist told the negative effects of tv, internet and computer games at the beginning. Then it was discussed how they block the communication in the family. Lastly, all the parents shared their problems they have in their families and with their children and they tried to find solutions altogether.</i></p>
Outputs and results	<p><i>88 Parents realized that how communication is important while growing up child and what can be done to create a happy and trouble-free family environment. They noticed that good communication is the fundamental factor of a successful, social and happy child.</i></p> <p><i>They became aware of the programs that their children can watch or shouldn't watch on tv. And they decided to do any other activities instead of watching tv to spent much time with their families.</i></p> <p><i>They realized the wrong behavior habits of themselves while growing up children. And they learned he reasons of some problems their children have.</i></p>



Strengths identified	<p>A professional psychologist gave the lectures. Number of the parents is not crowded so they were intimate and willing to share their experience and find solutions. All parents had chance to share their problems. They got information about services of Bartın Directorate of Social Service and they were informed to go there in case of problems they have with their families.</p>
Weaknesses	<p>Just 88 parents were willing to participate at the workshop because these kinds of activities are not common in Bartın and they didn't know how it would help them. But it is also a strong side of the workshops that everybody had the the chance of speaking. Most of the participants were women because it was in the working hour and fathers were working at that time.</p>
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