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Higher Education Institutions often lack the incorporation of trans-disciplinary knowledge, transformative approaches, and on-field experiences needed to train a new generation of social workers, caregivers, policymakers, designers and changemakers on collaborative processes and capabilities approach-led interventions. Higher Education Institutions struggle to overcome the traditional educational approach by addressing people's weaknesses and creating innovative learning curricula based on capacity development, enabling environments and processes, and cohesive social apparatuses.

ATELIER Project responds to the learning needs by adopting a trans-disciplinary perspective and offering a variety of tools. Combining Design and Social Sciences helps match an analytical and critical approach with a transformative one. The experimental nature and the innovativeness of ATELIER encourage the trainees, their organisations and the local stakeholders to research different methods to deliver social innovation processes. Also, the distinctive practical side of the project and the capabilities approach-inspired model of intervention enables the trainees to think and deliver social inclusion as a concrete and visible change, in contrast with the sometimes-elusive nature of social work.

ATELIER aims to foster cooperation between HEIs and CSOs and to develop innovative learning and teaching practices based on co-design that tackle the challenge of social inclusion. To achieve this, the project:

- develops innovative and evidence-based models (and related implementing tools);
- widens the offer of HEIs by delivering a trans-disciplinary learning program,
- fosters civic engagement through jointly organised (HEIs and CSOs) multi-stakeholder workshops and events.

The ATELIER project consortium is composed of 7 universities, research centres and CSOs from 6 European countries: [Politecnico di Torino](#) (IT)– Coordinator, [Theodoros Tsanakas Maria Koimisoglou KDVM](#) (GR), [Caritas Europa](#) (BE), [National University of Science and Technology Politehnica Bucharest](#) (RO), [Comitato Promotore S-NODI Gabriele Nigro](#) (IT), [Synthesis Center for Research and Education Limited](#) (CY), and [Associação de Investigação Observatório Lusófono de Actividades Económicas](#) (PT).