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Europe aims at a European Community that is entrepreneurial, innovative and open, with more and better jobs for its citizens, based on the new technologies and ICT. Lots of people in Europe though - unemployed, socio-economically disadvantaged, disabled, retired, mothers in maternity etc. - have temporary or permanently no possibility to work. Many of them have particular skills, knowledge, interests or hobbies that they could be able to transform in professional activities and new income sources using the advantages of E-business.

The *10 E-Steps project* aims at making those people more aware and competent about new possibilities for being active, both professionally and socially, and help them identify and gain knowledge and skills, based on the opportunities that E-business offers.

Partners from 5 EU countries – The Netherlands, Austria, France, Spain and Hungary held a kick-off meeting of the project in Rotterdam and allocated the following tasks for the coming two years:

- explore and analyze the utilization of E-business in their countries;
- identify good practices and select 10 best practices - Top 10 in each partner country;
- conduct an interactive survey on identifying the most common needs, interests, special skills of the target group;
- organize workshops where representatives of the Top 10 best practices can share their experiences with people who are willing to learn more about E-business potentialities;
- develop a Guide "10 Steps Towards your E-business" which will include specific concepts and practical information in the fields of e-business, entrepreneurship, bookkeeping and national taxation systems;
- create a web page of the project with a collection of the ideas and good practices and the Guide "10 Steps Towards your E-business", translated in all of the partners languages.

Upcoming activities

The next partner meeting will be held in Cergy in April where partners will share the results of the research and the good practices and will set up the guidelines for creating criteria for the top 10 ranking of good practices. They will also set up the guidelines for organizing the national workshops in partner countries.

For more information, please contact the partner organization in your country.
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