

# MENTOR WANTED!



## SAPERRE AUDE - A project introduces itself!

Recent studies across Europe have demonstrated significant educational differences of children and youth in residential care, compared to the coeval general population. Project data from five different European countries showed, that only eight percent of those in residential care have access to the higher education, five times less than European children and youth in general. Many of children and young people affected are suffering from broad systematic disadvantages regarding their individual educational development. This disgrace is often caused by abrupt and dramatic life changes, which often also lead to extensive limitations in their personal scholastic education. Compensation of these obstacles to development involves many difficulties. The children and youth concerned often tend not to reach satisfying employment opportunities or other individual educational solutions. Given the high priority and social value of professional positions, children and youth in residential care are once again exposed to the risk of social exclusion.

## SAPERRE AUDE - „Dare to think for yourself!“

The SAPERE AUDE-project aims to implement a mentoring pilot initiative with a duration of nine months. Based on the mentoring partnership between the mentor and the child/youngster (mentee), the central objective is to empower the mentee and support its individual educational goals. This aim can be achieved through diverse recreational activities during the social mentoring process. Therefore, the activities should always encourage and refer to the personal resources of the mentee. To expand the mentees perspective and offer new ideas on employment or life in general, mentors from heterogeneous social and working fields are highly welcome.

Several European countries, like for example France and Croatia, are already successfully practicing social mentoring. With the start of the mentoring pilot activity and the implementation of SAPERE AUDE in an international context, the project also aims to provide a theoretical framework for the benefit of international standards, in order to give also potential new partners the opportunity to implement social mentoring in their organizations. Besides, the mentoring initiative will include an extensive evaluation and handbook based on scientific standards. The procedure will also be finalized by an international conference in order to provide a fruitful exchange of experiences.

## Who we are

SAPERRE AUDE benefits in particular from its six qualified partners, which are contributing to the project from across five European countries: Spain, Croatia, Germany, France and Austria. Our partners have expertise in three main areas:

- Social and residential care of children and youth
- Practical implementation of social mentoring programs
- Scientific research in the relevant field

## ERASMUS+:

Moreover, SAPERE AUDE receives important financial support from the Erasmus+ program of the European Union which was established in 2014 to promote programs in the fields of education, youth and sports. Erasmus+ is funded by financial contributions from the EU Member States with a budget of 14.8 billion Euro. By the end of 2020, more than four billion people will benefit from the numerous Erasmus+ funded projects. Erasmus+ aims to improve the competences and employability of youth in Europe and intends to modernize and enhance the quality of education and vocational training in the area of child and youth welfare.

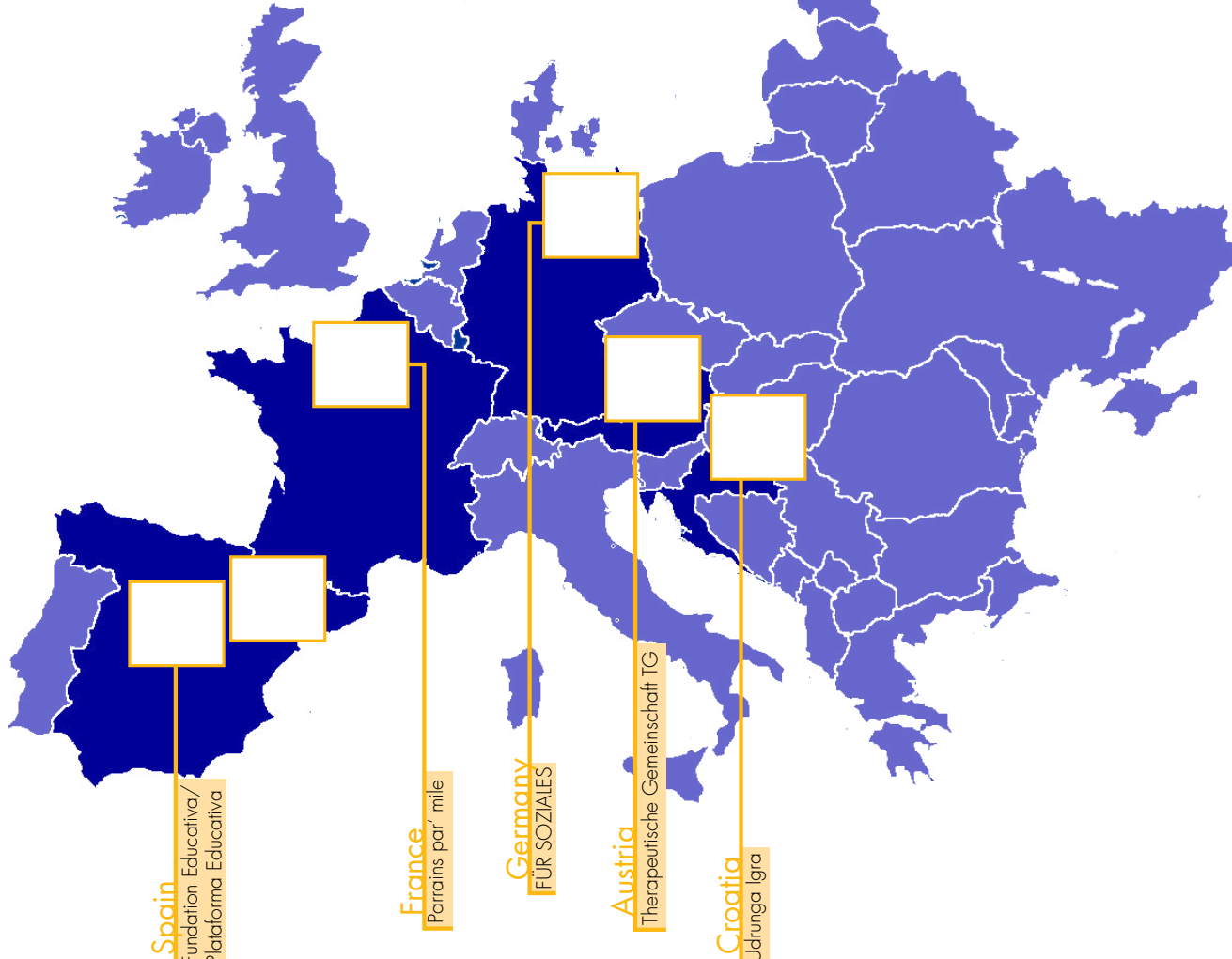
Partners, which support the project with their extensive and long term experiences in the field of social services for children and youth:

Partners, which support the project with their practical expertise regarding the implementation of social mentoring:

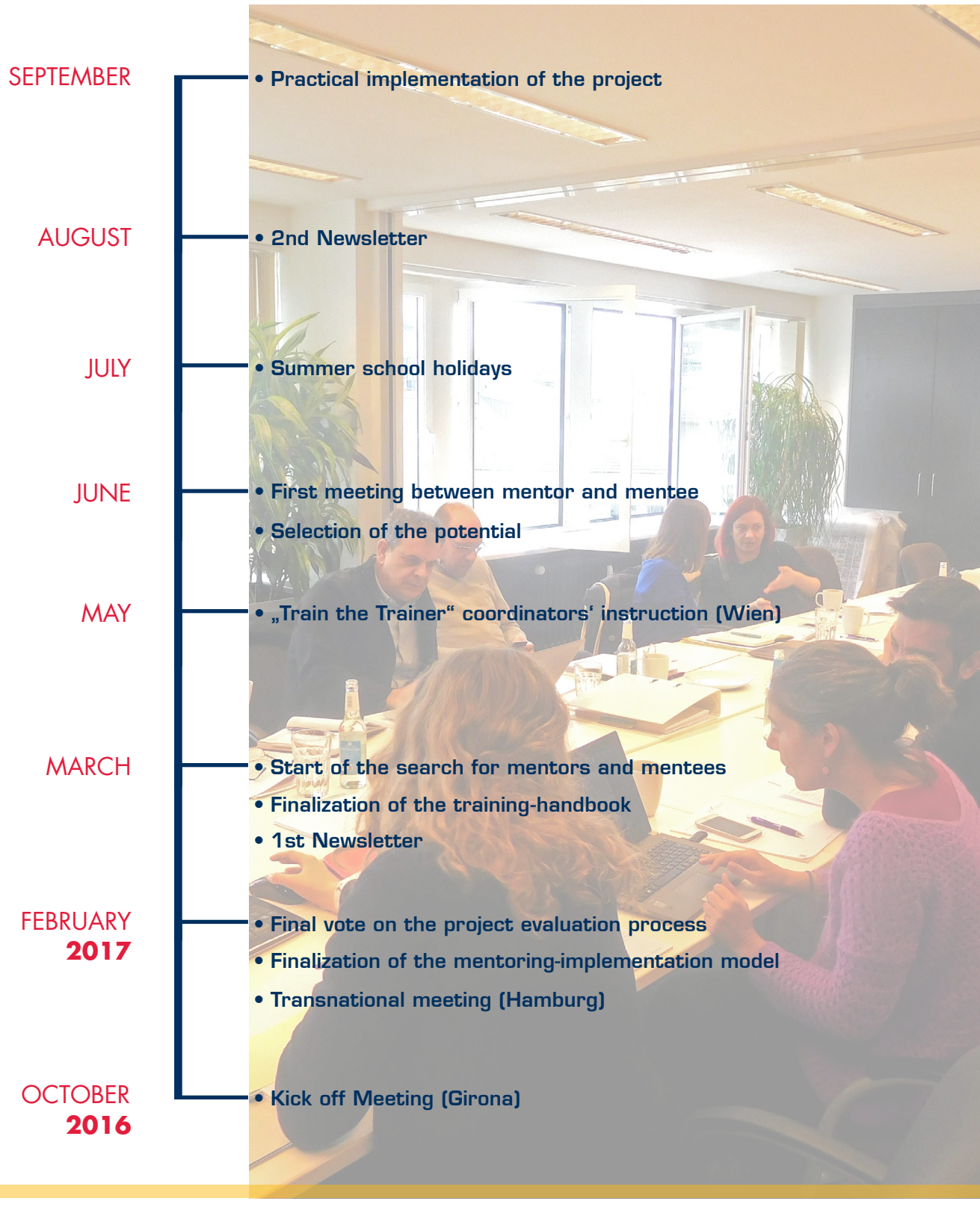
Partner, who supports the project through accompanying the entire process scientifically, in order to produce a sustainable project output:

Partner, who supports the project with financial and infrastructural resources:

## Overview of the partners



## The running process



A project from social institutions from across Europe, financed by Erasmus+

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