

Supporting the transition to adulthood: We are here for you (youngsters and children)!

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Theme:	<input type="checkbox"/> Ageing & Care <input type="checkbox"/> Asylum & Migration <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Young People <input type="checkbox"/> Support for Children & Families <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Care <input type="checkbox"/> Co-Production <input type="checkbox"/> Disability <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Housing & Homelessness <input type="checkbox"/> Artificial Intelligence <input type="checkbox"/> Digitalisation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Integrated Care & Support <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quality Care	<input type="checkbox"/> Labour Market Inclusion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social Inclusion <input type="checkbox"/> Technology <input type="checkbox"/> Workforce and Leadership <input type="checkbox"/> Social benefits <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EU Funding <input type="checkbox"/> Social Service's Resilience <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Person-centred Care <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify:
Principles of the European Pillar of Social Rights: <i>Check the 20 principles here.</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1. Education, training, life-long learning <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2. Gender equality <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3. Equal opportunities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4. Active support to employment <input type="checkbox"/> 5. Secure and adaptable employment <input type="checkbox"/> 6. Fair Wages <input type="checkbox"/> 7. Transparent employment conditions <input type="checkbox"/> 8. Social dialogue <input type="checkbox"/> 9. Work-life balance <input type="checkbox"/> 10. Healthy, safe work environment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 11. Childcare and child support <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 12. Social protection <input type="checkbox"/> 13. Unemployment benefits <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 14. Minimum income <input type="checkbox"/> 15. Old age income and pensions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 16. Health care <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 17. Inclusion of people with disabilities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18. Long-term care <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19. Housing and assistance to homeless <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20. Access to essential services
Current status of the practice:	<input type="checkbox"/> Concept and Design Phase <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Execution & Monitoring Phase <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consolidation Phase <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scaling Up and Transformation Phase <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)	

<p><u>Context/ Social issues addressed</u> <i>Please explain the problem you attempt to solve.</i></p>	<p>Often, young people in state care have difficulties adapting to everyday life once they leave the child protection state system. They often lack the necessary independent living skills, emotional stability, and vocational qualifications needed to navigate the labour market successfully. Many struggle with unemployment, financial difficulties, and even homelessness.</p> <p>To address these issues, it is vital to provide them with stability, which includes access to reference persons who can offer guidance and mentorship. Equipping them with the skills to live independently, manage personal and financial assets, and secure independent housing is essential. Additionally, offering vocational training, employment opportunities, and support for enhancing social skills, health, and psychological well-being can help them build a more promising future. These young adults also require specialised understanding and acceptance from professionals to strengthen their self-esteem and personal autonomy as they transition into adulthood.</p>
<p><u>Objectives:</u> <i>Please provide a maximum of three objectives in bullet points.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equipping children leaving state care with the skills to live independently, manage personal and financial assets, and secure independent housing is essential. • Providing integrated service packages for a minimum number of 52 children and/or young people from Cluj-Napoca and Satu Mare counties who are to leave the institutionalised child protection system and/or who have left the institutionalised child protection system in order to ensure the transition from the institutionalised system to community-level services.
<p><u>Activities:</u> <i>Please summarise the activities put in place to achieve the objectives (maximum 200 words).</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Payment of rent for up to 24 months • Social, psychological, and financial counselling • Labour market insertion services • Professional training and incentives for attending different training courses within the project • Activities to develop life skills which prepare young people for living independently and to support them in managing their household after they no longer benefit from support • Mentoring scheme with the support of mentors, some of whom are young people who have been through the same state system and are now fully integrated.
<p><u>Evaluation of practice:</u> <i>Please explain how you evaluate the practice and what the results were/are so far</i></p>	<p>By the end of the project, DASM will have developed integrated service packages for at least 52 young people from Cluj-Napoca and Satu Mare County who are to leave/have left the child protection system in order to ensure their smooth integration into community life.</p> <p>Results so far:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ established a new target group within our institution: young people leaving the child protection system ✓ a good practice guide– including results, successes achieved, difficulties, lessons learned, testimonials of beneficiaries ✓ a new support procedure for youngsters/children leaving care has been established: tailored, integrated, dedicated services to youngsters leaving the child protection system ✓ new services provided within the institution: mentoring services

<p><u>Links to supporting documents:</u> <i>e.g. website or report of the practice</i></p>	<p>http://dasmclujnapoca.ro/</p>
<p><u>Comments and tips, i.e. for people willing to use your Practice</u></p>	