



## Erasmus+ project "Coming out of unemployment", Madrid, 5-9 Feb 2019

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Colegas, the Spanish LGBT confederation, in the period 5-9 February 2019 organized an Erasmus+ exchange activity for partner organizations from [Bosnia and Herzegovina](#), [Croatia](#), [Montenegro](#), [North Macedonia](#) and [Serbia](#), to showcase successful Madrid-based social enterprises.





The umbrella project for this activity, "Coming out of unemployment" is designed by Association Duga and its partners to build local capacities in the mentioned countries as to advance the (self-) employability, and ultimately to improve the employment levels for the LGBTIQ+ population. The project is funded by the European Commission.



The [introductory meeting](#) of the project was held in Zagreb, Croatia in November 2018, while further activities will include project activities in Šabac, Serbia and Ohrid, North Macedonia.



The project activity in Madrid specifically included:

- information presentation and exchange sessions by the partner organizations, including the in-depth study of the activities of [Colegas](#) and its partners on the current project and in Madrid





- "Conference of social entrepreneurship in Europe" held 8 February 2019, to contribute towards the activities of the European Social Enterprise Day. The key speakers at the conference were Mr. Manuel Rodenas, the coordinator for LGBT program for the community of Madrid, Mrs. Encarnación Rivero Flor, the G. D. of Social Services and social integration for the community of Madrid, Mr. Francisco Ramirez Martin, the President of the Confederation Colegas LGBT.



- round table: "Good practices of social entrepreneurship in Spain" with key speakers: Mrs. Casilda Heraso, Director of selection of entrepreneurs Ashoka, Mr. Iago Romero Ogando, Founder UrbanDataEye. MAD + 2018 Award "Por un MADrid MAS justo y MAS solidario", Mr. Federico Armenteros, President of Fundación 26 de diciembre, Mr. Javier Jimenez Dorado, Director of Aptent Soluciones, Mrs. Cristina Jiménez, General Secretary of the Transsexuality Association.



- study visits to several social enterprises and initiatives in Madrid, providing study-cases, information and experience exchange, as well as the inspiration.



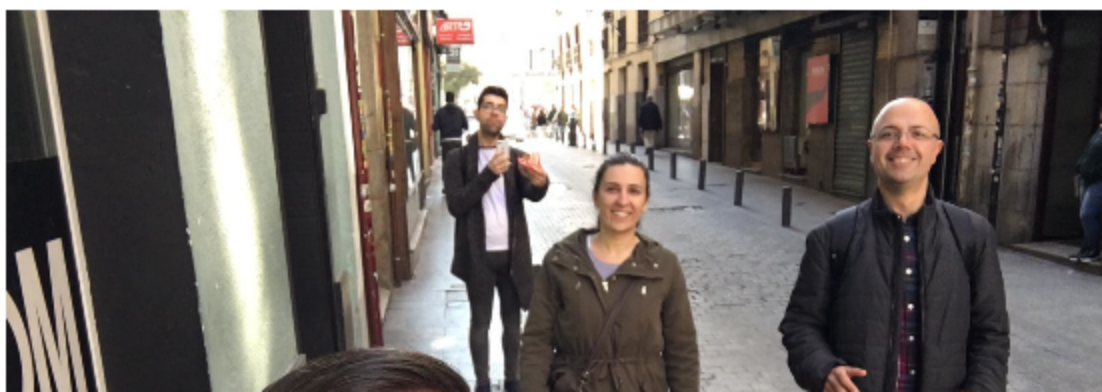


The social activities of the Madrid-branch of the project, included introductions to the city, history and art, and to the social life.



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