spacelab
Project's Presentation

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GENERAL CONDITIONS
Current Situation

• Unemployment rate in Austria: 4,8% (EUROSTAT)

• Unemployment rate in EU: 10,9% (EUROSTAT)

• High level of unemployment among people without vocational formation: > 27% (BMASK)

• Expensive educational system with mediocre results according to basic qualification

• Vocational formation: schools, apprenticeships, universities
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Educational System

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GENERAL CONDITIONS
*Strategies for reducing unemployment*

Youth Guarantee (European Union)

Vocational Training Guarantee - Austria (Federal Government)

Qualification Plan - Vienna 2020 (Municipality of Vienna)

Vocational Training Guarantee of Vienna

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spacelab is the institution with the lowest threshold among all projects of Vienna’s *Vocational Training Guarantee*, that offers a complete and manifold programme for the integration of youngsters into the labour market. The *Vocational Training Guarantee* includes all kinds of measures to enable youngsters for finishing training or education beyond the compulsory secondary school education. Its target group are youngsters from 14/15 to 21 years that have finished 9 years of compulsory education.
GENERAL CONDITIONS
Vocational Training Guarantee

Is a strategy that includes the cooperation of different institutions, that provide education, training, counselling and coaching/monitoring for youngsters:
Vienna School Board, Labour Market Service (employment office), Federal Social Service Department Vienna, Vienna Employment Promotion Fund, Youth Department and the social partners (trade unions and employers).

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Vocational Training Guarantee

Objectives:

- accompany transitions
- avoid dropouts and guarantee diplomas

Transition Management

- Accompany during the transition from lower secondary school to vocational training: Youth Assistance, etc.
- Recover lower secondary school graduation
- Preparation and (re-)introduction into the labour market: *spacelab*, etc.

Avoid dropouts and guarantee diplomas

- Youth Assistance
- Assistance for apprentices
- Counselling centres, helplines
- Scholar assistance

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MOTIVES FOR THE REALISATION OF SPACELAB
The experience of prior projects led to the development of the modular concept with different levels of personal commitment in 2009. Before there had not been any programme combining methods of open youth work and labour market aims. The realisation of spacelab should provide a low-threshold programme for the youngsters that allows them to come back after dropouts.

TARGET GROUP
Viennese youngsters from 15 to 25 years, who are neither in education, employment nor training (NEETs) and have a more difficult access to the labour market.

The gender ratio is 60% male to 40% female participants.

In 2014 spacelab supported 511 clients (315 m, 196 f) untill October.
SPACELAB
THE ORGANISATIONS

spacelab is implemented by five NGOs, that provide and combine their particular expertise:

• Volkshilfe - Beschäftigung (Vocational Training)
• Association of Youth Centres in Vienna (Youth Work)
  • WUK (Assistance and Counselling).
• Wiener Volkshochschulen (Basic Education)
  • Sprungbrett für Mädchen (Vocational Training and Counselling for young women)
AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

• Development of personal and vocational prospects
• Activation of the target group
• Stabilise participants (in economic and mental terms)
• Develop their skills potential and competencies
• Practice-oriented occupational guidance
• To draw up personalised career development plans
• Integrate them into support and employment systems or the labour market.

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MODULAR CONCEPT

Open and Detached Youth Work
*Open space, outreach work, public relations, networking*

Prospect Development
*Assistance and career plans*

Daily Vocational Training  ⇆  Continuous Vocational Training
*Basic Education*

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MODULE
OPEN AND DETACHED YOUTH WORK

• detached youth work (public spaces and other facilities)
• introduction into spacelab and other programmes of the Vocational Training Guarantee.
• Establishing a professional relationship and confidence.
  • arouse their interest and skills
• referring clients to the prospect coaches or institutions that match better
  • public relations and networking
MODULE
PROSPECT DEVELOPMENT

- socio-paedagogical assistance and counselling

- Individual support and development of career plans

- Individual job application trainings
MODULE
DAILY VOCATIONAL TRAINING

• participation on a daily basis in a creativity workshop
  • low threshold regarding liability and commitment
    • development of a daily routine
  • comeback after dropout is possible
• pocket money (€ 10,-) if no other grants
  • 10 participants per group

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MODULE
CONTINUOUS VOCATIONAL TRAINING

• continuous training from Monday to Friday
  • 25 hours/week, up to 6 months
  • high level of personal commitment
    • Daily routine
  • comeback after dropout is possible
• training benefits paid by the Labour Market Service
  (Employment Department)
  • 10 to 12 participants per group
MODULE
BASIC EDUCATION

• Evaluation of the individual knowledge level of the participants
  • Instruction of basic knowledge in reading, writing, mathematics, english and social skills.
  • Preparation for entrance examinations.
  • Instruction in individual and group setting.

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FUNDING

spacelab is financed by **waff** (Vienna Employment Promotion Fund) and **AMS** – Labour Market Service (Unemployment Office).

In 2014 the budget plan is **3,5 Mio Euro**.

The Labour Market Service covers the training benefits for the participants.

Moreover the Youth Department (MA13) provides funds for staff and infrastructure for the Open and Detached Youth Work module.
RESULTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

• The main objective of spacelab is the development of personal and professional prospects. More than 95% of the participants who stay for more than three months have a vocational perspective.

• The results of this intensive assistance process are documented and transmitted to the counsellor at the unemployment office (AMS). This facilitates further measures for the integration into the labour market.

• In 2013 36% of the participants started a scholar career, an apprenticeship, other qualification programmes or got employed.

• Moreover 10% were sent to more specific institutions.
RESULTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

The successful work of spacelab was awarded with the **ESF award for innovations** in 2013.
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