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## 1. CENTER FOR INNOVATIVE EDUCATION (CIE)

We are a foundation dealing with broadly understood education: we create and implement innovative educational solutions in Poland and abroad. We implement projects in European partnerships. We currently operate in Poland, Spain, Norway and Iceland. With our projects, we reach business and academic environments, local governments as well as excluded people. The last 5 years of CIE's activity include over 3,500 participants in 8 projects in international consortia with a budgets of over 4 million Euro.

## 2. CIE IS A PIONEER OF OUTDOOR LEARNING



Our foundation is a pioneer in Poland in promoting the Outdoor Learning method in education - a unique approach of personal development that facilitates strengthening internal motivation and transversal competences, the so-called soft skills - all in the bosom of nature.



### 3. OL and the mental health of young people

Outdoor Learning, particularly through wilderness trips organised by the CIE foundation, can be a powerful tool for school teachers when working with children and young people with mental health challenges such as depression. Recent research, such as the Monitoring the Future Study (2021), highlights the worrying rise in mental health problems among the younger generation, making it imperative to explore innovative approaches to supporting their wellbeing.

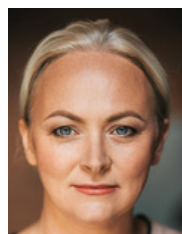
(...) In conclusion, in light of the growing mental health crisis among young people, incorporating nature-based experiences into education can provide a much-needed therapeutic outlet, promote self-discovery and strengthen the cross-cutting competencies needed to cope with life challenges. We invite you to learn more about the Outdoor Learning method successfully implemented in Poland by our foundation!

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### 4. OL - activation of women

Outdoor learning – OL through excursions into the wilderness organized by the CIE foundation has proven to be a transformative experience for women participants, enhancing their transversal competencies, perseverance, and self-esteem. The closure of the Erasmus+-financed Accreditation and MENT project, on August 31, 2023, further enriched the CIE staff, trainers, and volunteers with international training and shadowing experiences, thereby elevating the quality of their guidance and support to activated women. This is particularly important given one of the larger differences between the employment rates of women and men in Poland compared to the EU average rate (12.9% compared to 10.7% per Eurostat, April 2023). OL provides women with unique conditions to develop skills appreciated by employers. (...) Such a practical approach fosters teamwork and adaptability, skills necessary for success in both personal and professional life.

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## 5. CURRENT PROJECTS



Projekt współfinansowany  
w ramach programu  
Unii Europejskiej Erasmus+

### WILD SOCIAL MEDIA

Wild Social Media Project - WISE - aims to strengthen the transversal competences of young women at risk of exclusion in order to move more easily on the labor market.

Thanks to the activities in the project, we will develop an innovative blended learning course: Outdoor Learning, face-to-face digital learning and online training. The aim of the course is to improve the digital and professional competences of the participants. We implement it in partnership with Icelandic organisation JONAA .



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### MENTOR 2.0

Mentor 2.0 aims to support a pattern in which teachers are primarily mentors for their students, and not only "transmitters" of knowledge. After six years of MENTOR presence among Polish teachers in an offline environment, CIE, together with international partners, will develop, test and implement the MENTOR 2.0 conceptual framework and an innovative digital platform.

All this to strengthen mentoring skills among primary and secondary school teachers.

Iceland   
Liechtenstein  
Norway grants

## POLISH OUTDOOR LEARNING

The project, which is implemented in partnership with Norwegian organization VESTLANDFORSKING, will receive a grant of EUR 157,452 from the EEA Fund of Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway. The aim of the project is to develop solutions that provide women with stimulating and innovative ways to develop their life and professional skills.

## 6. NEF - NEW EDUCATION FORUM



The New Education Forum (coordinated by CIE since 2015) is a platform for the exchange of knowledge, experience and contacts in the field of educational innovation.

NEF operates at the European level, bringing together representatives from numerous institutions: European regions and cities, higher education institutions and research institutions, as well as employers of various industries from **17** European Union countries. **NEF in numbers: 32** events across Europe, including **7** in Brussels, **3,870** participants, **4** EU Commissioners, **28** MEPs, **152** panellists, **412** institutions from **24** countries.

### Upcoming conference



**We cordially invite you!**

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