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## TEMPLATE FOR COLLECTION OF BEST PRACTICES

### Code of the good practices

Country	Progressive number	Value chain code
Sweden	01	C

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

This template is a tool developed within the project Express: EXchange of Practices for Refugees and migrants' Self-entrepreneurship, an Erasmus + project, under Key Actions 2/Exchange of best practice. The aim of the project is to empower young migrants and refugees, creating and/or strengthening - where existing - supporting services for the development of self-enterprises by this target population.

The practices collected within the project will be shared with practitioners/organisations working with young refugees and migrants and will constitute the content of a Learning, Teaching and Training Activity to be delivered to partner organisations.

### STEP REPRESENTED IN THE VALUE CHAIN FOR SELF-ENTREPRENEURSHIP

*(please select 1 or more field in which the practice can be considered as representative. It is important to select the prior field, but others can be selected as secondary)*

- A. Competence assessment of young migrants/refugees
- B. Training on self-entrepreneurship
- C. Mentoring scheme**
- D. Informative campaign
- E. Networking activities
- F. Support to access financing/social financing
- G. Other: (specify) \_\_\_\_\_



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### GENERAL “TECHNICAL” INFORMATION

<b>TITLE:</b>	Mentoring program to start a business for newcomers
<b>COUNTRY:</b>	Sweden, Gothenburg region
<b>TYPE OF INITIATIVE:</b>	Mentorship program towards newly arrived
<b>ACTORS:</b>	Nyföretagarcentrum, Tillväxtverket
<b>BUDGET:</b>	Total 5 910 000 kr from Tillväxtverket 3 750 000 kr
<b>FINANCING SOURCE:</b>	Tillväxtverket (The Swedish Agency for Economic and Regional Growth), Swedish Public Employment Service
<b>DURATION:</b>	1,5 years
<b>DATE /YEAR:</b>	2017-06-19–2019-12-16
<b>GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE:</b>	Gothenburg region
<b>SDG COVERED:</b>	5, 8, 10, 11
<b>SOURCE:</b>	NFC, Tillvästverket
<b>MOTIVATION/SELECTION CRITERIA:</b>	Newly arrived and part of the establishment program by the unemployment agency.



### “CONTENT” INFORMATION

<b>ADDRESSED NEEDS (VALUE/MAIN GOAL):</b>	Reach new arrivals with information on how to start and run a company in Sweden. To prepare and support them in their start through individual counseling and training.
<b>TARGET POPULATION/BENEFICIARY:</b>	Newcomers to Sweden. Their status is that they at least have a temporary social security number, they have an idea and the drive to work on developing a business idea. They need to be registered with the Swedish Public Employment Service and get approval from them to take part in the program.
<b>LOCAL CONTEXT:</b>	Gothenburg region. The region has about 1,2 million inhabitants with the majority living in Gothenburg. Gothenburg has a few big universities, the biggest port of Sweden and a few very big industries. Unemployment rate is rather high by comparison, unless you have higher education. If you are a refugee with higher education is still hard to find a job and therefore this type of programs can be a good start to become included on the job market.
<b>SHORT DESCRIPTION OF THE PRACTICE/MODEL:</b>	Mentor program - each project participant was matched with a mentor who supported and guided the participant based on his or her needs. The mentors were local entrepreneurs with an established network in the local business community. Project participants and mentors met regularly for one year. The project was run in close collaboration with the Swedish Public Employment Service.
<b>MONITORING PROCESS:</b>	The project regularly reports to financiers / partners about the progress. One part is if the project uses the money according to the plan and one part is on the number of people taking part in the program, their progress and what they start doing after taking part in the program. Figures are compared with the projections in the application.
<b>IMPACT &amp; RESULTS:</b>	Newcomers have gained knowledge and thereby obstacles to start business in Sweden have been torn down.
<b>SUSTAINABILITY/VIABILITY</b>	Matching experienced people (mentors) with refugees with business ideas makes for faster and better inclusion in the Swedish society.
<b>SUCCESS FACTORS:</b>	Mentors with good networks and ability to teach and share knowledge and experience. Mentors ability to invest their time in the project.
<b>NETWORKS/ACTORS SUPPORTING THE PRACTICE:</b>	Mentors and their networks and businesses, Tillväxtverket, Swedish Public Employment Service, The Swedish Agency for Economic and Regional Growth
<b>ASSOCIATED RISKS:</b>	Mentors abilities to invest their time, changes in priorities by the financiers.

#### Notes for collectors:

1. Please, catalogue your practice in the file name as follows: Country acronym \_ letter of the value chain represented \_ nr. of the practice \_ name of the practice. (e.g. SE\_A\_1\_aaaa). This will support in the reporting phase.
2. Please indicate the working methodology used to collect the practice (e.g. interviews, web research, direct compiling of selected organisation, etc.)