

# Lisbon: from research findings to the MAYA Handbook

A year after the kick-off, the partners gathered in Portugal to reflect on what the research had revealed and to give it a lasting form: a shared handbook and the outline of a training curriculum.



Second transnational meeting hosted by Amadora Inova, Lisbon, 18 and 19 February 2025.

## Reviewing a year of research

The second transnational meeting was hosted by **Amadora Inova**. Compass, Canik Public Education Centre and San Giuseppe attended in person, while Selçuk University followed and contributed online.

Partners reviewed and validated the results of the first research phase. The voices of young women and of the professionals who support them, gathered in four countries, became the common ground on which the next steps would be built.

**103**

NEET women  
surveyed

**84**

professionals  
surveyed

**8**

handbook  
chapters planned

**5**

languages



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## A shared handbook, written by all partners

The partners agreed that the handbook should support personalised learning and offer practical guidance, so that youth workers can adapt materials to the needs, histories and aspirations of each learner. Each chapter was entrusted to a partner.

A first draft was planned for March 2025 and translation into five languages for April 2025.

### Handbook chapters and lead partners

|        |                                                     |
|--------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| 1      | Introduction • San Giuseppe                         |
| 2      | Understanding the context • Compass                 |
| 3      | Montessori principles • Amadora Inova               |
| 4      | Applying them to NEET women • Canik                 |
| 5      | Guidelines for youth workers • Selçuk               |
| 6 to 8 | Findings, tools, conclusion • Compass, San Giuseppe |



Working sessions on the handbook and the training curriculum.



## Planning the training curriculum

The partners also agreed the architecture of the WP3 Training Curriculum: seven modules, each combining theoretical grounding with practical tools, and a structured mentoring programme to accompany them. Translation was planned for the summer of 2025, with piloting to follow.

### What happened next

- The MAYA Handbook was completed in English, Turkish, German, Italian and Portuguese.
- The seven-module curriculum and the mentoring programme were developed.
- Partners met again in Innsbruck, Austria, in October 2025.



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