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**TITOLO PROGETTO: INTERNSTAGE - Internships, work placements, volunteering: stages on the road to decent work or to insecurity?**

**PROGRAMMA DI FINANZIAMENTO: Industrial Relations and Social Dialogue**

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#### **SINTESI DEL PROGETTO:**

The European Council President has declared that youth unemployment is one of the most pressing issues for the European Union and committed it to launching a 'new deal' for young workers. The economic crisis has hit the young more than other age groups. By March 2013 5.6 million young people aged under 25 were unemployed in the EU. At a time when the European 2020 strategy aims at protecting and extending decent work through growth and cohesion, the inclusion of young people in the labour market represents an important challenge. Several reasons have been identified in order to explain their low level of employment; amongst them the lack of professional experience. In order to overcome this problem, internships, work placements or stages have been developed. But while some internships are paid properly and work well in providing a variety of training with proper oversight, others do not. The work undertaken can be unpaid, or on expenses only, have no training or useful work experience content, and/or be used by the employer as a substitute for properly employed workers.

INTERNSTAGE aim to provide new comparative information from France, Italy, Latvia, Poland, Spain and the UK and to help answer four specific questions:

- To what extent do internships, work placements and volunteering lead young people towards decent work?
- In what areas and sectors might such employment relationships only constitute a first step towards insecure careers?
- How far does social dialogue between the social partners contribute towards achieving more positive outcomes?
- Are there helpful policy recommendations for national or European policy-makers arising from a comparative examination in six different European contexts?

INTERNSTAGE's desk research and case studies will outline the scale and trends in the areas of volunteering, unpaid work experience and internships and promote the exchange of information and experience between social partners, key actors and experts.

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