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PATHFINDER+ Final Conference: Community Innovation and Collaboration in Action

The PATHFINDER+ project concluded with its Final Conference in Valencia on 18 September 2025, bringing together universities, social enterprises, municipalities, and industry representatives from across Europe. The event marked the culmination of two years of collaborative work aimed at connecting higher education with community-led entrepreneurship and social innovation. The conference created an open space for dialogue and exchange, gathering participants from academia, local government, civil society, and the private sector. The discussions reflected the project's spirit of cooperation and inclusion, showing how education and community action can work hand in hand to build resilient and innovative societies.

Four thematic round tables structured the day's discussions: Entrepreneurship, Employment and Sustainability, Social Innovation: Transforming Communities, Community-Led Success Stories, and Training Needs and Challenges in Social Entrepreneurship. Each session brought practical examples and diverse perspectives, revealing how local initiatives can grow through shared learning and mutual support. The "Community-Led Success Stories" table, coordinated by Fifty-Fifty, focused on the importance of communication and identity in strengthening social projects. Participants shared stories of how clear, inclusive communication helps communities make their work visible, attract new partners, and create long-term impact.

The conversation was highly interactive, with contributions from both panelists and attendees, including representatives from the industry who highlighted the value of cooperation between local communities and private actors. Speakers throughout the event underlined that communication and networks are key to sustainability. Projects achieve real impact when they manage to connect different sectors and maintain open channels of exchange. The PATHFINDER+ partners demonstrated how digital tools, storytelling, and participatory methods can keep networks alive beyond the project's formal timeline.



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The conference closed with a shared commitment to continue collaboration within the network established during the project. The PATHFINDER+ digital repository, training materials, and open-access resources will remain available as lasting results to support educators, entrepreneurs, and community organisations across Europe. The event in Valencia was more than a closing ceremony; it was a collective celebration of cooperation, creativity, and social responsibility. It confirmed that when people communicate openly and work together across sectors, they can turn local initiatives into sustainable models for social change.



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