



**Catalonia working with Europe**  
Supporting the active participation  
of Catalan institutions and citizens  
in European cooperation

#CATALONIA WORKING WITH EUROPE COMMENT#

---

## WHAT NEET YOUTH NEED

---

© 2014 Jan Gejel

### NEED

Competences to live and work and learn in a constantly changing society

Creative technology competences to exploit present and future  
opportunities to work and learn - in non-academic ways

Competences and mentality to manage change along a long life full of  
surprises and unexpected turns

Entrepreneurial mind-sets to create their own living

Competences to learn through self-directed internet resources

Experience in working with communities, virtual as well as physical and  
social

Self-confidence to take action and create something for themselves

Learning through and in mixed realities of non-linear problem solving

To navigate in a virtual mess, not reading books

Recognition for intellectual capacity not confused with academic capacity

### NOT NEED

Short-term labour market skills

To be devaluated to manual workers only able to perform practical tasks

To be measured against an outdated education system

To be exploited to fill short-term skills shortages

To receive discount learning environments

To be offered compensatory jobs and traineeships to help unemployment  
statistics

Charity and compensations