



Extra Newsletter - October 2022

SPECIAL EDITION - DISCOVER THE IMPACT OF OUR NATIONAL OUTREACH EVENTS

GREECE



On Monday **03 October 2022**, the Greek partner **CulturePolis** organized in Corfu the National Workshop of the innovative European Erasmus + project ACCESS4ALL. The events took place at the Corfu Regional Authority Conference Centre with the participation of local actors.

The first session of the workshop included an introduction to the Erasmus + program and an analytic presentation of the ACCESS4ALL, the context and the need that gave birth to it, the objectives of the consortium, and the results that are delivered with the completion of the project. The second part had the form of a round table on the topic “Good practices for accessibility and the promotion of changes in policy schemes towards inclusive societies”. Thus, CulturePolis gave the floor to local/regional key actors, such as representatives of the Municipality of Central Corfu and Diapontia Islands and Regional Authority, local associations of disabled people in Corfu island, regional associations for the Ionian Islands and Epirus regions, the Corfu Police and the Corfu Directorate of Education, who shared their experience and expertise on accessibility issues as well as a series of good practices and studies that are implemented in Corfu or other places in Greece and Europe.

In general, the event received good scores and comments and the majority of participants expressed their interest to integrate the project's results into their professional life

AUSTRIA



BildungsLAB Hands & Minds Learning Center, a partner of the ACCESS4ALL project, hosted a multiplier event, in Vienna, Austria. The event promoted accessibility through changes in policy schemes for disability towards inclusive societies. The event took place on Thursday, **September 29th**, 2022 from 9:00 until 13:30; the accessible event took place at SkyDome - Seminar and Conference Center of the Wiener Hilfswerk. They hosted local organizations whose work focuses on improving accessibility in Austria with an emphasis in organizations based in Vienna.

The event kick-offed in the morning with an ice-breaker activity, after which they dove into the E-Platform and E-Book with our stakeholders in attendance. They included round table discussions regarding the content of our products, answering questions, and providing a chance for their participants to navigate through our E-Platform. In-between our presentation, they were lucky enough to host two innovative speakers, Jürgen Schroeder & Claudia Wadlegger, at the event.

Jürgen Schroeder is a creative director and idea management trainer. He studied at Parsons School of Design in New York and at Otis College of Design and Art in Los Angeles; he gave an in-depth address concerning inclusive media design. Artist Claudia Wadlegger is a very diverse and multi-layered artist who expresses herself in various media; the unifying element of her work is the exploration of language in all its forms. She introduced her inclusion work as an artist, providing accessibility for differently abled people in the arts.

CYPRUS



RESET and CSI – Center for Social Innovation joined forces in organizing the first festival in Cyprus promoting equal opportunities, accessibility the inclusion of people with disabilities.

The Access4All Festival Cyprus took place on the **10th and 11th of September** at Limassol Old Port. More than 3000 people attended the festival and more than 60 professionals and 20 organisations working with PwD who are working with people with disabilities were present with informative stands and activities, managing to give a smile and a real perspective of accessibility, participation and solidarity for everyone.

The two-day Festival included a Human Library, where citizens could listen to the stories of people with all forms of disabilities, a 3on3 wheelchair basketball tournament and an inclusive live choir; as well as a number of informative activities, panels, awareness-raising activities for children and a musical program.

The ACCESS4All Festival Cyprus successfully gathered together key stakeholder and organisations. Among others the Festival was supported by Limassol Municipality, Cyprus Ports Authority, Youth Board of Cyprus, Cyprus Youth Council, Cyprus 3x3 and was held under the auspices of the Office of the Commissioner for the Citizen, celebrating the European Year of Youth

FRANCE



TANDEM PLUS relied on the experience for their French colleagues, the Institut de Formation et Recherche en Travail Social, Médico-Social et Sanitaire. IFRTS has been organizing 2 multiplier events to present the Access4All project results and the platform.

First, on **26th of September 2022** in Porto Vecchio, France, in the framework of a transnational conference called “Guidance, training and validation of non-formal and informal learning in the care and health sector”. The event gathered 6 professionals actives in education, orientation and advising areas and representing the following strategic stakeholders: Collectivity of Corsica, Anti-racist collective AVA BASTA, FALEP- the Corsican federation of the Education League - association for popular education and social action, IRIPS- the regional institute for professional and social integration with its 2 centers:

- Avvene - Pre-Orientation Center (an evaluation tool for the Departmental Houses for Persons with Disabilities in Haute-Corse and South Corsica),
- UEROS -Unit for the Evaluation of Retraining and Social and Professional Orientation (structure for people who have suffered an acquired brain injury).

Were also present to this event beneficiaries of the program “Un mistieru per tutti, un travagliu per tutti” - action aimed at job seekers and/or people with disabilities in Corsica, and who wish to integrate professions of autonomy, and the social, health and medico-social sector.

The second event was organized on **7th of October 2022**, in Bastia, France, in collaboration with the pedagogical team of the Apprentice Training Center for Social, Medical and Health Professions, U Ligame. Apprentices of specialized educator section have been navigating into the Access4All platform and learn how to use these resources.

The Access4All project was totally relevant to these two events. In both cases, IFRTS offered to the participants an easy access to tools that would allow them to strengthen their skills in supporting the autonomy of the beneficiaries at the heart of their actions. The social workers students are notably aiming to provide the opportunity to make people with disabilities actively involved in their own lives and to enable them to be active actors in our society. That is why Access4All is in perfect alignment and is a natural continuation to their training.



The Italian partner of the project, **SANSAT** (Cooperativa sociale San Saturnino), organized the multiplier event of the ACCESS4ALL project, in Rome, Italy. The event took place on Monday **10 October 2022** at Roma Scout Center (L.go dello Scautismo, 1 – Rome). SANSAT chose the title “Right of Access. Disable Exclusion!” on the basis of the motivations that led the consortium to implement this project.

The lack of awareness and knowledge of decision-makers on disability issues and the creation of accessible and disabled-friendly urban environments leads to growing inequalities. Consequently, it is our duty as members of society to apply our know-how to prevent all forms of discrimination caused by misinformation. The aim of the event was therefore twofold: to disseminate the results of the project and to address the issue of accessibility in the broadest sense of the term together with institutional representatives and representatives of organisations dealing with disabilities.

In fact, after the overview of the project, and the presentation of the Intellectual Outputs and the Platform for online learning, the conference turned into a Round Table in which all participants (ASL-Local Health Authority, Coordination of Civil Service Organisations, associations and cooperatives, parents, etc.) discussed exclusion/discrimination and the actions to be taken towards inclusion, good practices, actions for project sustainability.

Proposals emerged from the participants themselves to continue the work started with ACCESS4All.

SPAIN



On **30 September 2022**, **Valencia Inno Hub Association** organised a morning of awareness-raising workshops in the field of functional diversity in Valencia.

The conference began with a reflection on the search for employment of the group, by the Valencian Association of Aid for Cerebral Palsy (AVAPACE); and Projecto Trèvol. Then, the Association for Women with Disabilities XARXA spoke about the gender gap, and the challenges faced by women with disabilities. The third presentation was given by the Epilepsy Association of the Valencian Community (ALCE) to talk about initiatives to eliminate barriers in the socio-labour world. The participants were fortunate to hear real testimonies of people with disabilities who had suffered discrimination and to listen to their proposals for leaders to adapt appropriate policies to reality.

Finally, Inno Hub presented the ACCESS4ALL project, which was very well received by the audience, who were interested in the courses and the impact it had had in the countries of the consortium. After testing the platform and showing them the results, the participants were grateful for adapting European projects to the real needs of citizens with disabilities, and for fighting for a more inclusive society.



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