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We are pleased to present you the next issue of the "Interculturality" newsletter, in which we summarize the work to date and present the next steps bringing us closer to finishing the project.

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Interculturality PROJECT OVERVIEW

Interculturality - Intercultural Competence Development for International Business Environment is an Erasmus+ project developed by the following partner countries: Italy, Poland, Spain and Turkey, focusing on intercultural skills development for adult learners in working environments.

Intercultural skills such as entrepreneurship, civic engagement, personal and social dimensions, and cultural awareness represent the key competences for intercultural management and global leadership in professional contexts.

The project consists of a continuing professional development course (CPD) offering Open Educational Resources (OERs). It is based on an e-learning platform, implemented in 4 modules. The course is specifically addressed to the target group, made up of adult educators, teachers, and mentors working on and teaching the related topics, allowing them to focus both on the individual professional and personal needs and the development and assessment of the related skills.

PILOT TESTS

The specificity of projects financed under the Erasmus+ Programme, which are aimed at developing new educational materials, are pilot tests. The target group is presented with all the developed materials, and then the test participants are asked to complete the evaluation questionnaires.

This was also the case in the "Interculturality" project. All partners conducted two tests: alpha (among adult educators, trainers, mentors) and beta (additionally with the participation of managers and employees of multicultural organisations). In total, 80 people participated in the test phase and provided partners with many valuable comments on possible improvements to the course.

The partner from Italy, Training 2000, prepared a Pilot Testing Report, on the basis of which the necessary changes to the content of the educational materials were made.



INTERNATIONAL PROJECT MEETINGS

The COVID-19 pandemic thwarted plans for international meetings. Due to travel restrictions and limitations in partner countries, we were forced to postpone the dates, places, and order of meetings, but thanks to the determination of the entire Interculturality team, we managed to organize two hybrid meetings.



RADOM, POLAND - DECEMBER 2021



Representatives of the University of Deusto (Spain) and Training 2000 (Italy) came to the meeting organized by Łukasiewicz-ITEE in Radom on the 10 of December 2021. Team members from Mugla University (Turkey) joined the meeting online. The main subject of the meeting was to discuss the current state of implementation of project activities, short-term joint staff training event planned, and finalization of the intellectual outputs of the "Interculturality CPD course" for adult educators, including a Learning Outcome Matrix according to the European Qualification Framework (EQF) as a set of learning outcomes (LO) - in terms of knowledge, skills and competences. Partners discussed the content of the methodological handbook and analyzed the results of the alpha phase of the pilot tests. Taking into account the intercultural nature of the project, during the break of the meeting, the partners had the opportunity to try traditional Polish dishes, such as żurek (sour rye soup).



BILBAO, SPAIN - FEBRUARY 2022

On the 2nd of February, another hybrid project meeting took place. This time the host institution was the University of Deusto. Team members from Łukasiewicz-ITEE and Mugla University came to Bilbao, and the representatives of Training 2000 joined remotely. During the meeting, partners discussed the results of the beta testing phase. On their basis, the necessary changes that must be implemented in the materials have been agreed upon. In addition, deadlines were set for each of the activities related to the implementation of the project, as well as activities related to the organization of Multiplier Events and promotional audiovisual materials, which will soon be available on our website and on social media. Taking into account that it was the last official project meeting, the leader discussed issues related to further steps related to the formal completion of the project, financial issues, management, quality assurance of the project, as well as its dissemination. The meeting in Bilbao was held in parallel with a short-term joint staff training event involving employees of partner institutions and the target group in training sessions.



SHORT-TERM TRAINING EVENT

DAY 1

Module 1

Overview of Key Cultural Drivers and Their Impacts on Global Leadership

(Mugla University - Turkey)

DAY 2

Module 2

Cross-Cultural Management

(Łukasiewicz-ITEE - Poland)

DAY 3

Module 3

Global Leadership

(University of Deusto - Spain)

DAY 4

Module 4

E-Leadership and Multicultural Teams

(Training 2000 - Italy)



The four-day training course in Bilbao (31st of January - 3rd of February 2022) aimed to create a group of qualified adult educators and focused on the preparation of the training program, online course and OER development. The workshop nature of the training allowed all partners to actively participate in the discussion, mutual exchange of experiences and guaranteed the acquisition of new knowledge in the subject of the module. Each day was devoted to a separate module.

MULTIPLIER EVENTS

For the Erasmus + program, a multiplier event is an event organized in order to share the intellectual results of a project with a large audience. Each event has a unique character - it can take the form of a workshop, lecture, or work in smaller groups. In an Interculturality project, all partners are preparing themselves for their organization such events in their countries. Depending on the current restrictions related to the COVID-19 pandemic, they will be held in person, online or hybrid. All persons interested in participating in the event may contact the Interculturality project team in order to receive information about the date and form of the event.

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The Interculturality project will focus on the key competences of:

- *Entrepreneurship;*
- *Civic skills;*
- *Personal, Social and Learning;*
- *Cultural awareness and expression.*

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