

Transnational Network Promoting Innovative Models in Education, Learning and Work Inclusion

Co-Funded through the European Union's Erasmus+ Programme- *Key Action 2 Cooperation and innovation for good practices*- the Time@Net project aims mainly at promoting social and work inclusion, active citizenship and participation to learning among young people with intellectual disabilities.

The project includes both public and private institutions in the field of education, social, training, research and work inclusion areas with significant skills and experiences and belonging to 8 EU countries where inclusion issues are relevant. It originates from the evidence of a cross-cutting difficulty at EU level in the field of training and work inclusion paths addressed to young people with intellectual disabilities. The need for alternative models able to promote the disadvantaged persons participating to learning, the quality in delivering the services through the updating of the competencies of the personnel dealing with this target, the involvement of enterprises at the beginning of the training and work inclusion pathways appear as key factors in promoting their social inclusion.

The project's basic idea is that it is necessary to upset the processes for developing training and work inclusion paths addressed to young people with intellectual disabilities, by identifying and involving the employing companies since the beginning of the work inclusion pathways: that's the main way the project is innovative.

Last 20-21 November 2014 the first international meeting took place in Italy with the aim of planning the organization of the future activities connected to the project. The meeting showed the enthusiastic participation of all the partners and the willingness to work together in a shared European path for the next two years.



I personally want to thank all the partner organizations and people who took place at the meeting for believing in this important challenge!



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TIME@Net... is developed with a multidisciplinary approach that integrates the methodologies belonging to the following areas: scientific research, social and educational sectors, job placement, education and training, marketing and business. During the implementation phase, the project will organize five different main activities, interconnected and progressive, in order to develop at EU level a new model and innovative practices for the work inclusion of young people with intellectual disabilities.

Main Outputs:

- Research at a transnational level in the frame of young people with intellectual disability work inclusion;
- Guidelines including the strategy plan to realize the project and a model for implementing effective training and work inclusion interventions targeted to young people with intellectual disabilities;
- A manual and a course model for the development of competences of the training and inclusion sectors personnel, in order to enable them toward the construction, promotion and implementation of effective pathways involving the companies since the beginning of the processes;
- Development of training and work inclusion plan within the 6 countries involved directly in the implementation project stage, each one involving 10 beneficiaries and based on a close cooperation between the training sector, the educational services and the labor market;

- A permanent online platform for joint reflection and EU cooperation, for mutual exchange of information, updating of research, promoting innovation and best practices in the project's field.

Impact envisaged:

- ❖ Realizing models shared and usable on EU scale
- ❖ Using the products in the training/work inclusion paths and in research actions
- ❖ Creation of a permanent network at transnational level
- ❖ Fulfillment of the objectives set up by the EU council

Long term benefits on the young people with intellectual disabilities:

- ✓ Increasing employment and inclusion opportunities
- ✓ Improving their quality of life
- ✓ Fostering the exercise of an active citizenship

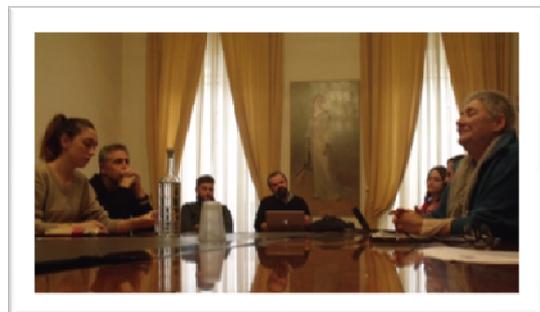
The Time@Net Kick-off meeting and Conference in Prato (IT)

On 20th and 21th November 2014 the kick-off meeting in Italy took place in Sinalunga (SI) and Prato with the participation of the project partners. All the partnership met and knew each other, the management strategies were discussed and important decisions for the project implementation were made. The meeting ended with a press conference in the Municipality of Prato, with the participation of local

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representatives of the citizenship.



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Outlook

The project's next newsletter is planned to be published around the end of July 2015, with its main content on the results of the research activity and the development of the project guidelines.