

Sustainable Service in DS, a European training project to improve the social inclusion of persons with Down syndrome through their active participation in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

The project, *“Involving persons with Down syndrome in the implementation of sustainable development goals through service learning”* (Sustainable Service in DS), a project that has been funded within the Erasmus+ program of the European Union, has the main objective of creating a training program for improving the social inclusion of Persons with Down Syndrome by increasing their competences to become active actors of change in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals settled by United Nations. To achieve that, we have applied and developed the main principles of action-oriented learning by including Service-Learning as the methodology that guides the learning process.

To achieve this objective, over almost two years, the different partners that make up this consortium have been working on developing the following results:

1. A training scheme developed with the direct participation of Persons with Down Syndrome and other End Users.
2. A set of training activities for trainers based on the Service-Learning methodology.
3. A set of Training Materials to be used by trainees along the implementation of the training or learning activities.
4. A multilingual e-Training Platform for enhancing the training process.
5. A Transnational Training/Learning Activity, during 5 days in Valencia, Spain, for trainees with Down Syndrome and other intellectual disabilities aiming to empower, to acknowledge and open new perspectives for them.

Between the months of June and September 2022, different validation pilot training courses have been developed by partners in Romania, Croatia, Portugal and Spain engaging more than 120 trainees and experts. In these pilot courses, trainees have been able to test the training materials, the training activities and the e-training platform, providing us with extremely valuable information about the potential improvements that we can implement before the project ends on the 31st of October 2022.

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