

ACCESS 4 ALL

2nd Newsletter - September 2021

RECAP

ACCESS4All - Awareness and Capacity building for ChangEs in policy SchemeS for disability towards inclUsive societies - is a project whose main objectives are to create an impact on the people with disabilities:

- Strengthening the **opportunities for constructive discussion** concerning learning/teaching environments and materials on integration empowerment.
- Understanding the needs and the **potential benefits of partnerships**; sharing of best practices through discussion and collaboration across the best practices research.
- Creating **training resources** responding to identified EU society needs..
- Reflecting **the need and the strategies for supportive mediation** for people with disabilities, in society.

INTELLECTUAL OUTPUT 1 (IO1) -THE AWARENESS AND CAPACITY BUILDING ACCESS4ALL COURSES-

For the time being, we are still involved in IO1. At this stage, partners will try to consider the variability of their audience so that individuals using the course anywhere in the world can take advantage of upskilling and turnings to policy changes and the realization of more inclusive societies.

This phase is divided into two steps: 1) the 'theoretical' content, where partners create modules that cover the necessary methodology and instructional approaches for the target group participation; 2) the 'digital' content, which will turn these modules into a digital platform and a mobile application for virtual learning.

WHAT HAS BEEN DONE?

Firstly, each partner made a **national research** regarding the current situation of people with disabilities in their countries (policies, best practices, etc).

Secondly, the results were **compared**, and the main challenges for an inclusive society were concluded. These conclusions were used to define the **7 modules** of the "Awareness and Capacity Building ACCESS4All Courses". The modules deal with the following subjects:



MODULES

1. International Policies about Accessibility issues for disabled persons; Disability, Definitions and Taxonomies .
2. Disability and accessibility in labor, cultural life, sports, education, transportation, health, ICT .
3. Principles of Accessible Municipalities; sustainability and disability .
4. Evaluating & monitoring local policy schemes on disability issues .
5. Media Exploitation for raising awareness about disabilities at local level and cultivating positive attitudes.
6. Emotional Intelligence; Abilities for successfully addressing the persons with disabilities and their needs; Active listening/Communication Abilities .
7. Short term and long term results of inclusive societies.

DISSEMINATION

We are fully aware of the importance of dissemination, nationally, regionally and locally. **Effective communication helps us to achieve good results** and to bring the project closer to the public.

1ST DISSEMINATION REPORT



In July, we had to submit our 1st Dissemination Report. This document gathered all the publications and dissemination actions that the partners have carried out since the project started in November until June 2021.

The most **impactful results** it showed were:

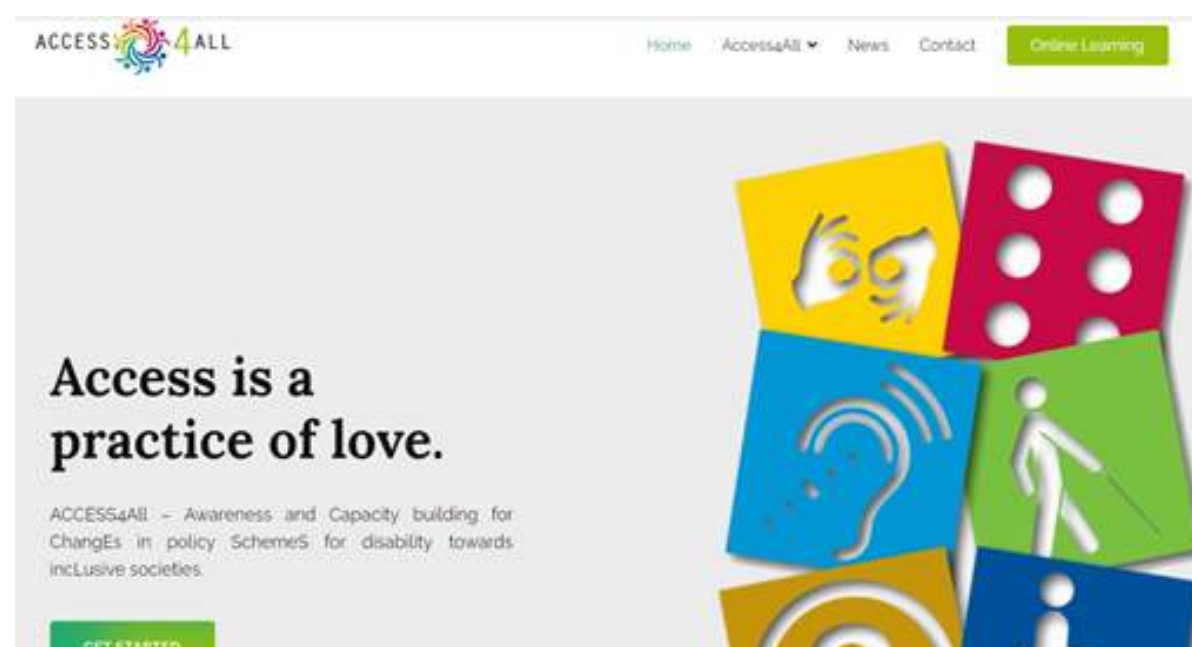
- Our first newsletter and leaflet reached a potential audience of more than 5000 people. In Greece, the **views reached 1800 and 1900**; and the **interactions** have exceeded **400** as maximum in many of the consortium countries.
- **Posts** on our networks, such as Facebook and LinkedIn, have reached **more than 390 people**.
- The TANDEM PLUS network General Assembly was attended by more than **500 participants**.

WEBSITE

The official ACCESS4ALL website has been set up in such a way that everyone can find out about general aspects such as: *project description, intellectual outputs, partners*.

It also includes an up-to-date *news* section, which there will be presented 3 new articles on interesting policies and events in the field of social inclusion every month.

The ACCESS4All website will be soon available in **Greek, French, Deutsch, Italian and Spanish**. Although, at the moment only the English has been finalized.



Check it out! <https://access4allerasmuska2.eu/>



Raise awareness for people with disabilities and their needs and fundamental rights.

Disabled members of society should enjoy the right of a full and decent life in proper conditions ensuring dignity, self-reliance promotion and facilitation of their active participation in community and it is up to the family environment, training providers and professionals along with society reflections and stakeholders-in general- to ensure that disability deserves equal chances and potentiality.



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MEETINGS

We also believe that good internal communication between partners is key for the project to move forward quickly and effectively. In this context, meetings are held **every two months** with the purpose to keep us informed of progress and to discuss any difficulties that may arise.

The last meeting took place on **22nd July**.



The meeting was really productive, agreeing on issues such as:

- **Next steps.** As a complementary study for IO1, the partners will analyse **7 real case scenarios**, analysing and featuring successful practices or policies related to accessibility and disability that local authorities, municipalities, and public bodies policies and/or actions have developed.
- **Face to face TPM.** It was also decided that the next transnational project meeting (TPM) will take place face-to-face on 4th and 5th November in Vienna.

We are looking forward to this time! Anyway, everything will **depend on the situation of the COVID-19 pandemic**, and the recommendations of the official health agencies.

For now, let's keep working safely and reaching the target!

