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Projects

Project 1:
Digital Invitation - Digital Innovation in Vocational Education and Training

Presenter: Michael Backhaus, Mariaberg e.V. (Germany)

Thematic focus: digitalization in social work in the field of vocational training.

Organisations involved: Mariaberg - Germany (lead organization); Josefsheim Bigge – Germany; BBW Mosbach – Germany; Academy for Age Research – Austria; Fundacion Intras – Spain; Fundação AFID Diferença – Portugal; FNADEPA – France; University Rehabilitation Institute – Slovenia; Diakonie Helsinki – Finland; Astangu – Estonia.

Additional information: In the "Digital InVitation" project, a total of ten vocational training institutions from eight European countries meet a total of six times to exchange ideas on the subject of digitization in social work in the field of vocational training and to present "best practice" models to each other. The aims of the project are:
- Exchange of knowledge and best practice models
- The project develops the positive use of digital tools in vocational training
- Legal security: by dealing with regulations and data protection
- The project develops knowledge management in the facilities.
- In the project, the participants learn from and with one another.
- Consideration of generation management
- Internationalization and European attitude
- Quality improvement in vocational training
- Integration of health management and occupational safety

The project can serve as a basis for the development of more intensive cooperation and the results should be available in a variety of ways to interested institutions across Europe.

Website: https://josefsheim-bigge.de/josefsheim/projekte/digital-invitation/

Project 2:
Bridge Academy

Presenter: Simon Brown, Sightsavers (Kenya)

Thematic focus: training young people with disabilities in information technology.

Organisations involved: The IT Academy in Kenya is funded by donor partners: UK Aid, German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), and the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (Norad).

Additional information: launched in Nairobi, Kenya in March 2021, hwith the aim to help young people with disabilities launch their careers. Over a nine-month training course, the academy will give students a strong career foundation in IT – skills that are in high demand as the world of work becomes increasingly digital. After lessons were paused during Kenya's COVID-19 lockdown, the students are back in the classroom and eager to learn. Sightsavers caught up with some of the academy's students to see how they are finding the course.

Website: https://www.sightsavers.org/from-the-field/2021/06/building-a-career-in-it-with-the-bridge-academy/

Project 3:
Accessjobs: making meetings accessible to everyone

Presenter: Jesica Rivero, Inserta Innovación (Fundación ONCE), (Spain)

Thematic focus: IT tools to improve and enhance the inclusion of people with disabilities at work. Use of Artificial Intelligence.

Organisations involved: Inserta Innovacion (Fundación Once), Polytechnic University of Madrid, University Carlos III of Madrid, ILUNION Technology & Accessibility, Etiqmedia.

Additional information: ACCESSJOBS is a platform whose main objective is to ensure that everyone can hold meetings in an accessible way. Anyone can participate in the meeting, regardless of their needs and preferences, both as a speaker and as a listener. For this, the information that is used in the meeting will be presented in a multichannel way so that it can be received by anyone who participates in the meeting using Artificial Intelligence and different types of technologies. In addition, Accessjobs complies with the requirements set by the UNE-EN 301549: 2019 standard, being all the information shown in the application accessible by screen readers, braille lines, amplifiers, etc.

Project 4:
MEDICI PROJECT: Mapping digital inclusion landscape to support Cohesion and Integration

Presenter: Dr. Joe Cullen, Tavistock Institute of Human Relations, (United Kingdom)

Thematic focus: Reducing digital exclusion, integrating vulnerable and disadvantaged groups (such as: People with disabilities, Elderly, Marginalised children and youth, Unemployed, Migrants) in the digital society across 27 EU Member States and UK.

Organisations involved: Universidad Internacional de la Rioja, The Tavistock Institute of Human Relations (TIHR), Universidade Católica Portuguesa, Smart Bananas, KETHEA, Diesis Network.

Additional information: The MEDICI project facilitates and supports knowledge exchange and replication of good practices among the stakeholders involved in the digital inclusion ecosystem , with the hope to contribute to bridging the "digital divide" affecting in particular the vulnerable groups of society. It does so by providing:
- Map and Catalogue
- Online Community
- Learning Opportunities

Website: https://medici-project.eu/

Project 5:
The DISH project (DIGITAL & INNOVATION SKILLS HELIX IN HEALTH)

Presenter: Henriette Hansen, South Denmark European Office, (Denmark)

Thematic focus: The Erasmus+ DISH project aims at bridging the "missing link" between the progressive digitalisation of the healthcare sector and the lack of eHealth and innovation skills among health and social care professionals to fully benefit from the use of innovative eHealth products and solutions.

Organisations involved: Hospital of Southern Jutland (SHS), South Denmark European Office (SDEO), Western Norway University of Applied Sciences (HVL), University College Lillebælt, Welfare Tech, Norwegian Smart Care Cluster (NSCC), Vaksdal, The Health Department Valencia-La Fe, UPV-SABIEN (Technological Innovation for Health and Well-Being), POLIBIENESTAR, European Connected Health Alliance (ECHA), EHMA, NHS Liverpool Clinical Commissioning Group (LCCG), Edge Hill University, eHealth Cluster Ltd., The University of Lübeck, BioCon Valley® GmbH, The University Hospital Schleswig-Holstein (UKSH), Foundation Klaster LifeScience Krakow.

Additional information: Started in November 2018, the project runs over three years and will include a preparation phase, a development phase and a testing phase, where the triple helix partners will work closely together to ensure the fulfilment of real needs expressed by the health care providers, exploitability and scale up of achieved results.

DISH is aimed at strengthening the innovation readiness and digital skills of health and social care staff regarding development, use and implementation of digital solutions in their everyday practice.

The DISH project will equip the health and social care workforce with relevant knowledge and competencies as well as enabling them to use and implement eHealth solutions supported by national digitalisation strategies.

The objective of the DISH project is, therefore, to look into the present and future skills' needs and develop, test and present different concepts, which will support health and care staff to better cope with the digital transformation of the health and social care sector.

Website: https://www.dishproject.eu/partners/