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3rd INTERNATIONAL MEETING WAS HELD IN TALLIN

The 3rd International Meeting of the ACT NEW HOME (Active Citizenship in The New Homeland) was held on May 31st- June 1st, 2023, in the capital city of Estonia, Tallinn.



The meeting was hosted by Cuiablue OU, one of the project partners. A total of 14 participants from all partner organizations attended the meeting.



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On the first day, May 31st, presentations were made on the module titles and contents determined in the 2nd TPM (Transnational Project Meeting), as well as the contents prepared by teams for the respective modules.

The Contents of the modules are as follows:

1. Active Citizenship Concepts
2. Basic Rights
3. Lifelong Learning
4. Participatory Life
5. Business Life



After the presentations of the modules were completed, discussions were held to evaluate the entire e-learning module on active citizenship for asylum seekers and refugees in both global and local contexts. The strong and weak parts of the module contents were emphasized, and challenges and limitations were reviewed. Teams engaged in discussions and exchanged views on the module content sections prepared by each other. Based on the evaluations made, necessary adjustments were made to the prepared modules.



On the second day of the meeting, a brainstorming session was conducted to improve the module. Afterwards, views and suggestions were put forward to clarify how the pilot study of the drafted e-learning module would be carried out. The scheduled activities and task distribution among partners for the project's upcoming phases were reviewed. The plan for sharing and promoting the project's results was explained to the partners. Key points to be considered in the formal aspects of sharing and promotional activities were reiterated. Partners were reminded to follow social media accounts and promote the project locally. Finally, the schedule and agenda for the online meetings to be held during the summer were determined.



During the meeting, evaluations were conducted regarding the LTT (Learning, Teaching and Training) activity that will take place in Portugal, hosted by FAJUB, in October. Opinions were shared on topics such as the date, participants, and the content of the training. The risk plan prepared by Cuiablue OU and the quality control plan prepared by Scout Society were examined. A general assessment of the meeting was made, and important points were summarized before concluding the meeting.



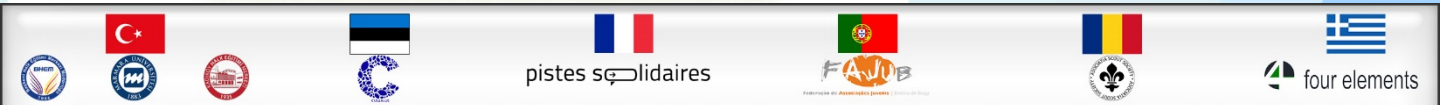
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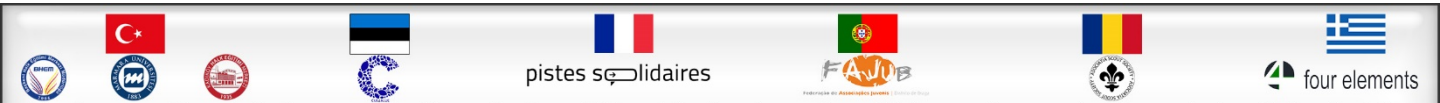
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An Interactive Tool for New Homeland Integration and Access to Opportunities: Active Citizenship E-learning Module

Today, countries emphasize the need for methods and approaches to ensure the participation and integration of disadvantaged groups in social life. In the European agenda, this aim is often expressed with the concept of “active citizenship”. In another aspect, the concept of active citizenship also includes the participation of citizens. Another reason why the importance of active citizenship has increased recently is that it is considered as a precaution against social exclusion.

After the opening meeting held in Istanbul in June 2022 during the course of the project, two TPM meetings were held in Pau, France in January 2023 and in Tallinn, Estonia in May 2023, and online meetings were held in the interim periods. The plans for the creation of the e-learning module, which is the planned outcome of the project, were put into practice during this process. In order to collect the necessary data from the field before the preparation of the e-learning module, literature reviews were first completed by all partners, then the Experience Sharing Workshops designed were carried out, the data obtained was analyzed and the results were combined in the TPM held in Pau. In this study and in the light of the data obtained from the field, the required topics were determined and the task distribution was made among the partners.



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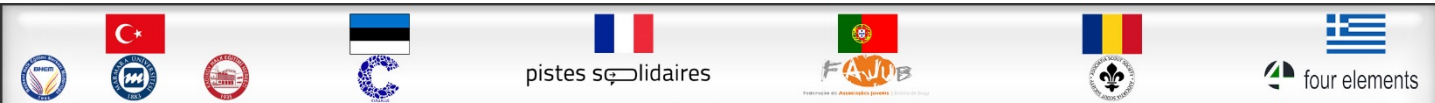
This e-learning module, which is thought to accelerate the integration processes of asylum seekers and refugees into the country where they now live, consists of five main sections covering the basic concepts of active citizenship, fundamental rights, lifelong learning, participatory civil life, and working life. A standard module outline developed by our partners, Four Elements, was used during the content creation phase. During the period leading up to the meeting held in Tallinn, all partners created the content from their departments and presented them to peer review. Updates were made in line with the suggestions received. At the meeting held in Tallinn, the studies focused on the examination of the prepared content and how the content could be made more interactive.

Currently, the project teams are continuing to work to improve the content of the e-learning module. The upcoming LTT event will be hosted by one of the project partners, FAJUB, from October 9 to October 15, 2023 in Braga, Portugal. Four participants from each partner institution will attend the LTT event. The event created by FAJUB aims to increase the competence of adult educators in regards to the active citizenship of asylum seekers and refugees. Thus, the integration of asylum seekers and refugees will be ensured more effectively.

Hoping to achieve our goals with a qualified and efficient team work...

Dr. Emel Yilmaz

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Online Meetings For our Act New Home Project



In the online meeting held during the first week of July after the 3rd TPM, the partners made a general assessment on the participant profile for the LTT to be held in Portugal from October 9 though October 15. It was decided that the participants be identified at the first suitable opportunity for the institutions and the legal procedures be completed on time. In this meeting, Four Elements also presented sample modules for the partners the view. All the partners were also sent a link via e-mail. It has been decided that all partners will give feedback on the modules they reach via this link. It was pointed out that the final controls of the modules should be made by August 31, 2023.



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LTTA BRAGA

9TH-15TH OCTOBER

The learning, teaching, and training activity proposed under the KA2 Erasmus+ project "Act New Home" aims to empower adult educators working with refugees and asylum seekers to promote active citizenship among this population. Focusing on the theme of refugees' active citizenship, the activity seeks to enhance the knowledge, skills, and attitudes of educators to effectively engage and support refugees in their journey towards integration and participation in their host societies. Participants in this activity will be adult educators from different countries who work directly with refugees and asylum seekers in various educational settings, such as language schools, vocational training centers, and community organizations. The activity will provide them with a unique opportunity to exchange experiences, share best practices, and gain new insights into fostering active citizenship among refugees.



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