



# ADD@ME

## Ambassadors of Diversity and non-Discrimination @ new Methods in non-formal Education

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## Newsletter No. 2

### ADD@ME marks the end of its first year

Welcome to the second Newsletter of the ADD@ME project. In this newsletter, we have the honor and the opportunity to share you exciting news regarding the evolution of the project "Ambassadors of Diversity and non-Discrimination@ new Methods in non-formal Education (ADD@ME)". It has been a year now that the project has been going on with significant tasks and activities. In this issue, we will provide information about what we have accomplished in the second semester of the project.





## Project Meetings

The second project meeting took place in Greece/Thessaloniki on the 10th of July. In fact, it was the first face-to-face meeting and **SYZOI** was the association which kindly hosted the event (<http://www.syzoi.gr/en/home-2/>). Representatives from all partner organizations joined the meeting, reflected on what has been done and took decisions for the next steps with respect to the project workplan.



Figure 1: Members of the ADD@ME consortium during the second transnational project meeting in Thessaloniki, Greece at **SYZOI** (<http://www.syzoi.gr/en/home-2/>)

## Highlights of the Intellectual Output Activities



### Impaired

### IO1-ADD@ME Blended Training Programme for Visually Impaired Youngsters

The Blended Training Programme for Visually Impaired Youngsters **is ready!!** Six modules constitute its content coupled with corresponding podcasts. The content of IO1 is rich and condensed and it is based on the following:

- Managing groups and group dynamics
- Leadership skills
- Interpersonal and effective communication skills
- Supporting personal development and providing emotional support when coming across diversity



- Disability-related knowledge: acquiring skills to explain to other people the visual impairment
- Planning and implementation of awareness raising workshops.

The ultimate target of IO1 is to empower and boost self-confidence and spirit of initiative of youngsters with visual impairments to become active citizens, agents of solidarity and participate actively in the society as Ambassadors of Diversity and non-Discrimination, promoting the social inclusion of visually impaired people at EU level. It has been translated into English, Spanish, French, Greek, Italian, Polish and Romanian, and it will be soon available as an open-source material on the project website (<https://www.ambassadorsodiversity.eu/>).

### **IO2-ADD@ME Mobile Toolkit for Visually Impaired Youngsters**



The Mobile Toolkit for the Visually Impaired Youngsters is a digital tool providing practical and innovative set of non-formal learning methods/ activities to be used by youngsters with visual impairments as Ambassadors of Diversity and non-Discrimination to lead awareness raising activities on disability (focus on visual disability) for their local communities. The Mobile Toolkit contains non-formal learning methods such as icebreakers, role plays, theatre exercises, team games, simulations, info sessions, leisure games, etc.

The ADD@ME Mobile Toolkit is a Web App containing a large number of non-formal learning methods/activities, designed with respect to accessibility and usability features in order to be used by people with visual impairments. The Web App will be available from the project website (<https://www.ambassadorsodiversity.eu/>) as well as from partners' organizations websites and will be translated into English, Spanish, French, Greek, Italian, Polish and Romanian.

**Behold!!! We are almost there!!!! Translations will be done in the next months so that the Web app will be available soon in all languages!**



### **IO3-ADD@ME Online Trivial Game for Visually Impaired Ambassadors**

The online Trivial Game for Visually Impaired is still in progress. All project partners are working on beta versions of the game and provide feedback to the leading organizations of this Intellectual Output.



## ADD@ME JOINT STAFF TRAINING EVENTS

The first joint staff training event took place in Warsaw (Polish Association of the Blind) from the 31<sup>st</sup> of August to the 4<sup>th</sup> of September 2021. During this training event delegates from the project organizations presented and tested all modules. The reflective element was very much involved at the first joint staff training event and the members of the project provided amendments and modifications in the training material improving its clarity and coherence.







Figure 2. Representatives and contact persons of the ADD@ME project in action!! Activities during the first joint staff training event in Warsaw (Poland)



Highlights



## Let's have a go with representative Dissemination Activities

Highlights



April 2021

On the 10th of April 2021 the UICI presented ADD@ME project at an assembly in which they participated professionals, general public, local authorities. Also, UICI at the printed newsletter of their organization included information about the ADD@ME project.

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June 2021

Ofensiva Tinerilor conducted online meetings presenting the activities of the project. Representatives of youth NGOs from Slovenia, Portugal and Romania participated the event.

Highlights



July 2021

PZN delivered relevant information in the “Torch” magazine about the project transnational meeting which took place in Greece.

Highlights



June & August 2021

Ofensiva Tinerilor presented the project and its activities to the association of the Blind from Arad in order to select participants for the future local workshops and also to build up the idea of the local implementation of the project.

Highlights



August 2021

In the second ICEVI Newsletter (Issue 77, Volume 27 Number 2) there is a lot of information regarding the ADD@ME project, its objectives, and activities, its goals and potential outcomes. The





audience of the ICEVI are academics, researchers, primary, secondary, vocational, or tertiary educators, school counsellors, principals and teachers, education policy development representatives, lifelong learning educators and education advisors.



September 2021

PZN delivered relevant information in the “Torch” magazine about the joint staff training in Warsaw.

The partners of VIEWS International AISBL, through their sources (i. e. Newsletter) delivered detailed information about the 2<sup>nd</sup> transnational project meeting as well as about the joint staff training event which took place in Poland (Warsaw).



November 2021

On the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of November 2021 as part of the dissemination of results, members of the consortium of the ADD@ME project participated in the international conference ICERI Conference. The presentation had the title “Empowering young people with visual impairments to become active agents for social inclusion: the case of the ADD@ME project”. The recipients of the conference were academics, researchers, primary, secondary, vocational, or tertiary educators, school counsellors, principals and teachers, education policy development representatives, lifelong learning educators, education advisers and general personnel from vocational sectors, Special education teachers and professionals who work in special education.

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To read the abstract of the presentation follow the link

<https://library.iated.org/view/ARGYROPOULOS2021EMP>



## Highlights of the second year

- **Blended mobility of young People (C2)**
  - **Local training events**
  - **3<sup>rd</sup> project meeting in Granada / Es**
  - **Blended mobility of young people ADD@ME Awareness Raising Workshops conducted by youngsters with visual impairment to inform the local communities of partner countries about the visual disability**
  - **Multiplier events and the final project meeting in Florence / It**
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- **ADD@ME website:** [www.ambassadorsodiversity.eu](http://www.ambassadorsodiversity.eu)
  - **ADD@ME Facebook:** [Ambassadors of Diversity](https://www.facebook.com/Ambassadors of Diversity)
  - **Project Logos:** Figures which encapsulates inclusiveness, creativity, participation, and initiative



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