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What is DECENT about?

The main goal of the project **DECENT** – *“Digital strategies of Enhancement of the basic skills among adults as a Chance to fight against functional illiteracy”* is to increase the effectiveness of the fight against the functional illiteracy among low qualified adults who are at risk of social exclusion in Romania, Poland, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Spain and Italy.

The project is funded by the EU through the Erasmus+ Programme, Key action 2 (Cooperation for innovation and the exchange of good practices): Strategic Partnership for Adult Education.

The low-skilled adults who are at risk of social exclusion (long-term unemployed, people at risk of poverty, low-educated people) are targeted by the project. At the same time, the project addresses institutions that support and care for adults at risk of social exclusion (adult education centres, social care institutions, adult schools, third-age universities, associations that support the fight against functional illiteracy and social exclusion) to provide them with a very useful set of tools for their work.

DECENT partners:

- **Project Partnership** Coordinator: Asociatia de Dezvoltare Economico-Sociala/ Romania www.adesca.ro
- Stowarzyszenie Centrum Wspierania Edukacji i Przedsiębiorczości/ Poland www.cwep.eu
- Znam i Moga LTD / Bulgaria www.knowandcan.com
- Centro per lo sviluppo creativo "Danilo Dolci"/ Italy www.danilodolci.org
- Centre for Advancement of Research and Development in Educational Technology Ltd-Cardet/ Cyprus www.cardet.org
- Instalofi Levante SL/ Spain www.fygconsultores.com

DECENT's results:

* **“Decent life without functional illiteracy” Course:** a course that will be used by adult educators as a standalone textbook for classes aimed at eliminating functional illiteracy.

* **eTool for fighting with functional illiteracy:** an online tool, with an easy to use knowledge-sharing base, with possibility to interlink pages and topics, include external resources, allow comments, ratings and content contribution.

Two partner meetings have already taken place!

Kick of meeting (Curtea de Arges, Romania):

On the 23rd and 24th of November, the Kick of Meeting of the project **DECENT - Digital strategies of Enhancement of the basic skills among adults as a ChancE to fight agaiNst functional illiteracy** took place in Curtea de Arges, Romania.

The meeting has given the partners the occasion to present their organisations, discussing about the tasks and their distribution among partners. Furthermore, partners have been trained on the use of Admin Project, the platform which is used for the management of the project tasks, results and activities.

Important topic of discussion has also been the dissemination plan for the proper recognition, demonstration and implementation of the project's results.

The project's results will be disseminated extensively through a wide range of tools and dissemination activities, in order to assure the efficient impact of the project's results on the society.

Finally, this meeting allowed the planning of the first phase of the project, with the definition of the main topics of the future e-course of the project and the first steps of the future questionnaire to be distributed and completed by the main target group in each partner country.



Second transnational meeting (Rzeszow, Poland):

On the 20th and 21st February, partners from DECENT project met in Rzeszow, at CWEP headquarters to discuss about the next project steps. The project' steps and milestones were discussed in an atmosphere of open dialogue, with a really enriching exchange of ideas.

During the meeting partners have discussed about the implementation of the questionnaire. The questionnaire has been thought as a tool to investigate the current situation of functional illiteracy in the partner's countries: Poland, Bulgaria, Rumania, Spain and Italy.

A detailed planning of the administration of the questionnaire has been made, in order to ensure an effective implementation of the research tool in each country.

Among the topics of the meeting, there has been an important reflection on the theme of functional illiteracy and the consequent need for the society, to develop more awareness on this topic. The project aims to develop the knowledge of the target on this particular field, raising the awareness on the topic of both civil society and governmental bodies.



What's next?

- A **questionnaire** for the target group in order to collect data and have a clear picture of the functional illiteracy levels in each of the partner countries. Partners have developed an online version of the questionnaire in each partners language, which will be used to collect data on the functional illiteracy situation of each country. With the results of the questionnaire, partners will develop a report which will show the current situation of functional illiteracy of the target group involved.

- The **results** of the questionnaire will be presented through a **second workshop**. This workshop will consist of two meetings, one with the target group and one with the experts active in this field. It will represent an important occasion to discuss the findings and to share impressions and opinions on the questionnaire and on its results.
- A new meeting in Sofia, Bulgaria (the 3-4 of July), for the third transnational meeting, to see the results of the questionnaire and to start developing the “Decent life without functional illiteracy” course;

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For any additional information on the courses and digital tools which will be soon developed, please contact Anca Socolovschi, Project Coordinator: adescdag@gmail.com