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What is SocVoc?

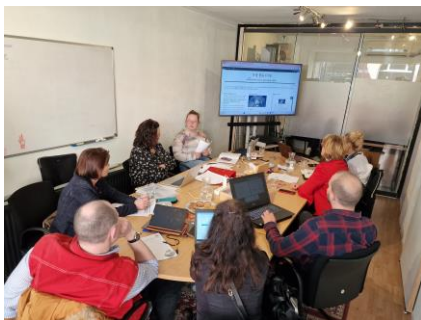
SOCial VOCational, SocVoc, is a start-up European project in which educators from five different countries make their best practices and creative training available to prisoners in an open, digital learning environment and by giving training and presentations at various events.

The core of the project is to develop an easy-to-use guidebook consisting of good practices of methodologies of learning social skills to low-skilled adult learners while they are learning a profession and train the teachers how to use this information available on the project website. And at the same time offering exercise opportunities, digital and non-digital, on the matter to the learners in prison. In this way they can get started with the processing of the social skills, combined with getting to know a digital environment and starting to use it.

If you'd like to learn more about what this project entails you can [click here](#).

First transnational Meeting

The first transnational meeting was on April 19th, 2023, and took place in the Netherlands, Utrecht. This was about how to organize the Project Results and there was a brainstorm about how we can share our best practices. This gave everyone an opportunity to better get to know one another and to learn more about each other's countries.



Multiplier Event

The day after the transnational meeting the first Multiplier Event took place in the Vrijstaat. The Dutch partners had organized it with another organization also participating in an Erasmus+ project, Kopa. The event was called "(fast)Food for the brain". The morning was dedicated to our project SocVoc. The day started with an inspiring keynote from Mark Mieras, a science journalist and physicist who specializes in the development of the brain. In his keynote he spoke about how creativity and play affect brain development in general and for prisoners. Afterwards there were Round Table discussions based on the input from Mark Mieras' keynote. More than thirty people participated in the event, working in different forms of education. There were schoolteachers, educators in prison, legislators, executives and international partners. This gave very different, very interesting perspectives on schooling.

Impression of the Multiplier Event:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iuwZncXEI8g&ab_channel=ClickF1

About us

We are five organizations from five different countries: Poland, Belgium, The Netherlands, The Republic of North Macedonia, and Estonia.



Busola is an organization from Poland. They are the applicant organization within the Erasmus+ project. It is an institution that focuses people working for the sake of adult prisoners. These prisoners are students of prison schools. The main reason why the association was established is the will to run educational, cultural, sporting and training activities for the sake of the prison school students and their educators.

Asturia vzw

The Asturia vzw is a Belgian NGO for training and coaching which based in Minderhout's inner city. The centre was founded in 2014 as a leading independent, and not-for-profit professional body dedicated to promoting best practice and raising the awareness and standards of project management and coaching in adult education.



ClickF1 is from the Netherlands and is a partner organization in the project. ClickF1 invests using art, culture and (digital) media, directly or indirectly in the future of children, adolescents and adults. With creative and proven effective projects and programs they inspire children and youth to further develop and strengthen themselves.



University St. Kliment Ohridski Bitola is from the Republic of North Macedonia and a partner organization in the project. The partners are part of the Faculty of Security. The faculty has established a good cooperation network with many institutions and organization in the public and private sector and has provided certain trainings for specific target groups (employees in the Security Agencies, private security officials, police officers).



Tallinn Construction School is from Estonia and a partner organization in the project. Tallinn Construction School provides education service on the territory of prison in Tallinn arranging vocational educational processes for adult inmates (ca 40-50 students). Tallinn Construction School teaches specialities: woodwork, construction, landscaping, welder. Tallinn Construction School has taken a direction towards becoming the role model and leading competence center in developing vocational education in prisons.

Would you like to learn more?

If you'd like to get in contact with us about this project you can send an email to aerens@clickf1.nl

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