



KA220-ADU - Cooperation partnerships in adult education.
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SOCVOC – Enhancement of Social skills during Vocational training in prison

SOCVOC TM5 Plock minutes

25 September 2024

Travel day

26 September 2024

All participants took part in an international conference titled “Peace as foundations of humanity”

Attendance, documents, etc – in separate folders.

27 September 2024

A working visit to the penitentiary in Płock (ZK Płock)

The visit to Płock penitentiary provided an invaluable opportunity for partners to visit the prison wing and have a chance to talk to the prisoners where we applied SOCVOC project materials in a real-world setting. During the visit, the team engaged with both prison staff and participants in the vocational training programs. Discussions highlighted the unique challenges faced by imprisoned individuals in accessing educational resources, such as limited digital access and varying literacy levels. Participants shared insights into the project’s positive impact, noting an increase in engagement and motivation among participants. The visit underscored the importance of adaptable, context-sensitive materials that could empower participants to develop both practical and social skills, aiding in their eventual reintegration.

Another part of the visit took place in the prison school, where partners had the chance to visit classrooms/library and interact with teachers. The prison school setting underscored the importance of tailored educational resources that address the specific needs and constraints of learners in correctional environments. The visit emphasized the potential for well-designed materials to support not only vocational skills but also personal development and confidence-building, which are essential for successful reintegration.

At the Therapeutic Unit, partners took part in a hands on session designed to simulate the learning experience for imprisoned individuals. Activities included small-group discussions, and a possibility to create stained glass windows with the help of more experienced prisoners who make such pieces as part of their therapy.

As this meeting marked the conclusion of the SOCVOC project's transnational collaboration phase, partners reflected on the initiative's achievements. Key outcomes included the successful piloting of adaptable vocational materials and positive feedback from prison educators regarding participant engagement. Partners discussed future steps, including strategies for maintaining and updating the materials, exploring new funding sources, and establishing a framework for ongoing knowledge exchange. Recommendations emphasized the value of continuous evaluation, expansion of partnerships, and sharing success stories to sustain the project's impact on marginalized learners in similar contexts.

28 September 2024

Travel day