

4th Press Release IntoDigits

An Innovative Toolkit for Trainers for the Development of the Digital & Numeracy Competence for Low Skilled Adults

The Covid-19 pandemic has highlighted the long-existing skill disparities in Europe, and emphasized the urgent need to address them. Adults lacking low numeracy and digital skills are disproportionately characterised by poor health conditions, lower income, less active involvement in society and a substantial risk of social exclusion. The European Commission recently acknowledged the urgency of closing the digital skills gap as part of their roadmap for Europe's recovery from the crisis.

The European IntoDigits project aims to address this ongoing gap. Funded by the Erasmus+ program, IntoDigits has designed a full training course aimed at developing numeracy and digital skills, designed specifically for the low-skilled adults target group.

Two Qualification Frameworks on Numeracy and Digital competences and 42 brand-new digital tools for trainers have been developed for the implementation of activities and workshops to increase the active citizenship of participants.

The toolkit's development drew heavily on feedback from trainers and users and was continuously adjusted throughout the process to meet their needs. Pilot workshops were then held along with a total of six multiplier events for stakeholders to explain the active citizenship ladder concept.

The workshops were tested and presented to the public under limited circumstances and following the recommendations of the Health authorities due to the ongoing public health crisis.

IntoDigits Digital assessment tool

The digital assessment tool was tested in the local languages of the participating project partners and assessed by the participants of the workshops. A second pilot workshop then provided indications on how the numeracy and digital skills of the low-skilled adults who participated in the previous workshops had improved. Feedback on the functionality of the tool pointed out strengths and weaknesses, functionality issues, narration issues etc.

Best Practices Guide:

At the final stages of the project, we are creating a guide for best practices for the engagement of low-skilled adults in learning and upskilling activities. The guide includes methods for attracting the target group in engaging in a progressive learning path to improve their digital and numeric skills, tips for trainers using the IntoDIGITS toolkit and other practical information.

The guide will be able to reach wide audiences in the countries participating in the project, as well as other European countries and beyond. The publication will be offered in English and in Polish and distributed online, free of charge as an open information resource.

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