

SPAIN HOSTS THE PRESENTATION OF RESULTS OF THE 'BE INSPIRED' EUROPEAN PROJECT



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The "Palacio de la Magdalena" in Santander (Spain) hosted on October 17th the official presentation of the work carried out within the framework of the European project BE Inspired about entrepreneurship for people with disabilities, developed during the past two years.

During this conference, the developed working materials were presented, with the aim of working out tools for people with ID all around Europe.

AMPROS acted as host for this meeting, where the working process and materials generated between the different partners were checked.

The opening session, attended by institutional representatives of the Town Council of Santander, M^a Carmen Sánchez, president of AMPROS and Paula Jennings from Stepping Stones (Belfast), project coordinator, gave way to the opening lecture by Alexandre Martínez, Vice-President of AEDIS (Business association for the disabled)

Opening session



and Chairman of the Employment Committee and member of the Board of Directors of FEAPS that spoke about 'patterns of employment for the labor inclusion of people with intellectual disabilities in Spain'.

There was also a time to learn more about the case of the Cooperativa Altavoz. So, people responsible for this initiative deepened in the development of this social integration cooperative, which works with the objective of achieving greater autonomy for everyone. <http://www.altavozcooperativa.org>.

Paula Jennings took the floor again to do a review on the evolution of the project and her presentation was accompanied by a professional and a student of the special education school of AMPROS, who explained their experiences in the testing of the materials.



Interventions

The BE Inspired Training programme is tailored to the most general learning characteristics of adults with mild intellectual disabilities

The training course is however amenable to adjustments (e.g., delivery of a single unit from the entire training course) or a given target-group (e.g., increasing the number of practical activities to individuals with mild to moderate intellectual disabilities)

Although the course is directed to AID who are either in:

- transition to work
- in work
- in a phase of changing their career

The BE Inspired training course may well be applied to AID attending other work or learning contexts, such as vocational training or other adult education initiatives

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Materials Adaptation

- Scheme of Work
- Trainers Guide
- Trainee Workbook

In the European Report on the Pilot Testing of a Training Program to Develop Enterprising Skills in People with Intellectual Disabilities The stakeholders' general impression over the "Be Inspired" training course was highly positive and generally attested the course's relevance and usefulness for both ALD and people delivering training to them or caregiving for them. The majority of participants assessed the training course as "very good" (67.9%). Although most participants considered the training contents very important (64.3%), and just about most of them perceived the course format as very adequate for the target population (53.6%), a considerable proportion of participants (53.6%) found that some (and not all) contents were difficult for ALD. In general, most stakeholders found the introductory section of the course very helpful (67.9%) and classified the utility of the course materials for trainers as "very useful" (71.5%). The majority of participants in this group (85.7%) perceived the initiative of making the training course available online for free download as "very important", and the large majority of them (82.2%) expressed no intention to introduce additional changes to the training course.

We want to point out that this project, which will end next month of November, has been led by the Organization Stepping



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Stones, oriented to social and labour integration of people with intellectual disabilities, and that other entities and universities in Northern Ireland (Southern Regional College), Ireland (LogicEarth), Finland (Helsinki

Diakonia College), Italy (Conform), Portugal (APCC) and Spain (AMPROS) have participated.



The next steps before the closure of the project are the distribution of materials in the associated countries and the possibility of continuing the project incorporating different partners from Mediterranean or Eastern countries.

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