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Reshaping traditional schools towards Distance learning



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Distance learning educational methodologies and tools for teachers, students and school environments

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THE IDEA BEHIND THE PROJECT

"MY Smart School" (MYSS) project aims to fulfill several of the most urgent needs in the educational field expressed within the Erasmus+ program during COVID pandemic and in the Digital Education Action Plan, such as to provide teachers (both from primary and secondary schools) with "high-quality learning contents". Project's main aim is to reshape traditional school towards Distance Learning. This main objective will be achieved through dedicated e-courses on how to approach teaching and communication through online video sessions and on how to reshape training curricula according to the new distance learning scenario, a situation that last since 2020 until now and that could continue also for the next school year. Thanks to the project, professors, schools and educational institutions will be provided with a new user-friendly digital equipment, tools and secure platforms that respect privacy and ethical standards. In addition, in order to strengthen teachers' skills in this context of digital transformation, a set of "Teachers' diaries and Recommendations" will be developed for sustainability and replicability purposes, by describing their teaching experiences and methodologies tailored on students' age, in order to maximize the impact also after the end of the project.

MYSS AT GLANCE

The main result of the MYSS project will be its Intellectual Outputs, strictly related to the development of diversified solutions which can be adapted to primary and secondary teachers' needs:

- IO1 My Smart School e-courses for teachers how to approach teaching and communication through online video sessions.
- IO2 MY Smart School e-platform for teachers and students.
- 103 Teachers' Diaries and Recommendations.

The practical tools and resources that the My Smart School aims to offer, will ensure great dissemination and usage also after the end of the project, thanks to the high transferability potential of all the outcomes and to the exploitation actions of all project's partners.

MAIN OBJECTIVES

MY Smart School (MYSS) wants to support teachers to keep up with the need of reshaping traditional curricula and learning environments towards Distance Learning, providing them with e-Courses on how to approach teaching and communication through online video sessions, plus other flexible and concrete digital solutions based on the students' age, with the final aim to solve the main issues and limits they experienced during the lockdown.

For tasks related to the IOI, partners will work on a series of specific activities:

- Al Needs analysis. All partners performed desk research and interviews with focus groups, in order the consortium to acquire an integrated overview of the needs in the participating Countries.
- O1-A2 Define the objectives, target groups' needs, learning outcomes and structure of the programme.
- O1-A3 Identification and analysis of the learning materials.
- O1-A4 Modules' design of the programme based on the students' age, profile and training needs.
- O1-A5 Development of learning materials and contents.
- IO-A6 Pilot testing phase

For task related to the IO2, we will define the training materials for teachers, accessible on a Moodle platform (https://e-trainingcentre.gr/) and which will be freely available to all teachers as asynchronous ecourses in our MYSS platform (https://platform.myss-project.eu/). Inside, 8 units will be developed and will be ready to be used as high-level digital training resources for teachers. These training materials will be accessible through asynchronous e-courses available in our MYSS e-platform.

Concerning IO3 we will provide:

- Handbook with collection of teachers' experiences on digital education and exchange of visions, experiences and approaches on distance learning
- SAT (Self-Assessment Tool) for Teachers
- Testimonial campaign for professors with articles and short videos



NATIONAL AND LOCAL LEVEL

- primary and secondary school teachers and students between 6-18 years old;
- teachers' associations;
- associations that represent VET (Vocational, Education, Training);
- Public Authorities related to the themes of the project;

EUROPEAN LEVEL

- European primary and secondary schools teachers and students:
- European associations engaged in educational and training activities;
- Public Authorities and Institutions related to the themes of the project.

MAIN RESULTS

The project is undoubtedly related to the development of innovative resources and digital tools which will contribute in the medium-long run to avoid/decrease the loss of educational opportunities and to effectively face a potential extension of school closure and - as a consequence—the adoption of Distance Learning. This will be possible thanks to:

- a new model of education for primary and secondary school teachers based on open online educational resources and a digital learning platform;
- tailored and flexible digital tools and assessment instruments to be exploited by teachers during their online classes;
- a set of recommendations defined and validated by teachers to be practically used during online classes also after the project lifetime;
- the MY Smart School e-platform and digital tools for teachers and students of primary and secondary schools.