

@MINDSET Project The Kick off Meeting

What is the Aim of @MINDSET PROJECT?

The objective of the @MINDSET project is to actively support diversity management within education settings, by equipping teachers with the appropriate tools to deal with diversity issues, while better encouraging students to become active citizens and empathising adults. The project aims at identifying the most common types of diversity in the school environment and develop on one hand the tools for the teachers to better manage it within the classroom and the school in general, while on the other promote the issue of diversity and what it entails within society for pupils and help them embrace it.

The project will facilitate communication between European countries and develop a variety of results to support school teachers and adult education trainers in managing diversity in the classroom. The partner organisations will research diversity in their countries, and collaboratively develop:

- A diversity management course for teachers
- A diversity management toolkit for teachers
- An instructive manual for teachers
- Adaption of these to an e-learning course that will then be freely available
- Scientific Articles

The kick off meeting of the project took place on the 26th and 27th of November at the premises of the Staffordshire University. The kick off meeting aimed at presenting the project objectives and expected results, in a structured manner, reviewing the work plan and setting milestones as well as establishing the internal working methods. The partners shared their enthusiasm to implement the project and deliver results of high quality, which will essentially help the contemporary school teachers, as well as adult education trainers in effectively managing diversity issues within their classroom.

The members of the @MINDSET consortium are:

- Staffordshire University (the United Kingdom)-Coordinator
- Panepistimio Ioanninon (Greece)
- BEST Institut für berufsbezogene Weiterbildung und Personaltraining GmbH (Austria)
- University of Napoli (Italy)
- Cukurova District (Turkey)
- CEIP Portal NEU (Spain)
- Ellinogermaninki Agogi (Greece)



What the Consortium Will Do Next

The next steps for the @MINDSET partnership is the compilation of the report which aims at approaching diversity issues in schools and adult education settings, identifying the reasons why these occur and which is the impact they have to students and learners. The results of the report will essentially assist the consortium into selecting the appropriate course contents and tools for the teachers and trainers and developing the corresponding contents.

Look out for the results from the National Reports and the overall Headline Findings in the next Newsletter.