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TO SWITCH

TOwards Senior Workers' Innovative Training CHallenges







101- Research Report and New Andragogic Model

The TO SWITCH team, led by our academic expert, Dr Francesco Marcaletti, produced a research report. This fascinating study developed a new Andragogic model and created a profile of a good trainer of adults. <u>Read our</u> <u>IO1 Research Study on the TO SWITCH website.</u>

IO2- Online Training Programmes for Adults

Based on the findings of IOI research, we developed online training programmes for trainers. Trainers from across Europe, came together in Trento, northern Italy, in June 2022 for training on the use of Moodle from Dr Marcaletti and began to design learning programmes. The trainers then went on to deliver innovative, learner centred online training- more details in <u>Newsletter 3</u>!

IO3- Guidelines

Most recently we produced Guidelines based on what we learned across the project. This guide is for teachers and/or trainers of adults in the "digital space", and all who are interested in responding to technological changes in our societies and workplaces. Read our <u>TO SWITCH Guidelines</u> on the website.

Multiplier Events across Europe

This Newsletter takes a look at the Multiplier Events which took place from March to June across the continent!

Active ageing and challenges for innovation in Trento!

On Thursday, May 18, the Trento multiplier event took place. This seminar, entitled "Active ageing, challenges for innovation," saw great participation of more than 40 stakeholders, both in person and online. During the first half of the meeting the Intellectual Outputs of the projects were presented.



Attendees in Trento

Initially, Prof. Francesco Marcaletti of the University of Zaragoza, introduced the first Intellectual Output. After the 'first IO'. Then Trentino trainers demonstrated the digital platform and the local experimentation. The third IO 'Guidelines' were also presented to the public.

In the second half of the event, two renowned speakers, Pietro Checcucci and Claudio Maria Vitali of the Italian National Agency INAPP, discussed the value of technological innovation and skills of mature workers related to active ageing , both at national and European leve

Over to France for Pole Emploi's Event

On Thursday 25 May, in Toulouse, Noelle Versaveau -Gautier, Correspondent on Europe & International Relationships, and Viviane Driquez, project manager in Toulon Foch, organized a meeting dedicated to the enhancement of the skills of seniors thanks to innovative actions driven by the teams of Pole Emploi.

After a TO SWITCH experimentation was conducted in beginning of year by Viviane on mobile apps, Pôle Emploi, brought together companies, partners and job seekers in the Toulon area and promoted the service offer of Pôle Emploi around digital skills and innovative methods such as TO SWITCH training programmes on Moodle.



SENIOR LIFE ONLINE in Denmark

Friday, 23rd June 2023, the To Switch Multiplier Event was held online at VUC Storstrøm in Denmark with the heading: SENIOR LIFE ONLINE - LIFELONG LEARNING

The To Switch Project was presented online on TEAMS, using the variety of interactive digital tools, with a briefly description of the three intellectual outputs developed. The event finished with a group discussion concerning the main challenges in terms of achieving digital skills in the online senior life and the solutions for this purpose. The participants found the topic extremely relevant, and they were all familiar with the challenges of the divide between generations

regarding the analog and the digital world which led to a great deal of reflection and some suggestions of how to deal with this.



How to best to educate seniors in

This Multiplier Event for ToSwitch was held in Oslo ICT in Norway on 31 May 2023 with 16 participants in addition to the participating staff.

The participants were leaders and educators primarily from the different Seniornett organizations in eastern Norway, but with some participants from municipal educational units.

The agenda was a short presentation of the ToSwitch project before the main topic of the day: how to best and most effectively educate seniors in ICT. The curriculum was tailored to be as interactive as possible - views and experiences from all participants were solicited. Different teaching approaches were examined and discussed and the methods of the ToSwitch IO1 were universally hailed by the meeting.

Post meeting feed-back was universally positive - as well as the scores on the handed out questionnaires.



Later Life Online in Dublin, 11th May 2023

In May, AONTAS ran a half-day event called Later Life Online, with discussion and workshop on new findings in narrowing this digital divide. We heard from older - or "later life" – learners, who described their experiences of gaining more confidence and competence with technology and digital skills. Later Life Online included Adult Literacy for Life policy updates, digital teaching tools demonstrations, and roundtable discussions. It was the closing seminar, or "Multiplier Event", for the Erasmus+ funded TO SWITCH project. AONTAS partnered with organisations from six other countries to develop guidelines and structures for trainers and coaches who work with later life learners



Multiplier Event in Milan with IRS, 3rd March 2022

The aim of the webinar was to present the model developed in the To SWITCH Project within a broader reflection on the training of senior workers and on the profile of trainers of older workers in the context of the recent developments of the Italian lifelong support strategy learning in Italy, with the New Skills Plan approved in December 2021 and the National Strategic Plan for the development of skills of the adult population, which includes guidelines and lines of action that concern the issues addressed in the project.

This project has made several media appearances to date Check out <u>the library tab on the website</u> to review these mentions in detail



















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