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Key Developments in the ASD-INtoJOB Project

1. Transnational Meeting in Athens:

Evaluation and Planning of the Next Steps

On May 8–9, 2025, the European project ASDintoJOB held its third in-person transnational meeting at the offices of Militos S.A. in Athens. The meeting brought together ten participants—the five partner organization—and aimed to assess project progress and coordinate the upcoming phases.

During the meeting, partners presented the results of the pilot phase for the "Employability Toolkit for Autistic Young Adults" and the "Training toolkit for Youth Workers", part of Work Package 3. Each country shared their findings following the implementation of focus groups and interviews with their respective target groups. For instance, FHM (Germany) shared its results based on insights from the Spektrumtags portal, while Militos (Greece) presented outcomes from its local focus group.

Beyond discussing the Toolkits content and effectiveness, partners also gathered feedback to improve design and accessibility—suggestions included a simpler layout, softer color palettes, and dividing information across multiple documents to facilitate use.

Regarding the development of the educational entertainment-based app (Work Package 4), the consortium reviewed its initial architecture and set a timeline for feedback, assigning responsibilities for content creation. July 31 was set as the deadline for finalizing all content, toolkit design, and translations into each partner's national language.

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2. Successful Pilot Testing: Toolkit Validation Across Five Countries

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Between April and May 2025, the ASDintoJOB project successfully conducted pilot testing for its two toolkits developed under Work Package 3:

- The “Employability Toolkit for Individuals on the Autism Spectrum”, and
- The “Toolkit for Youth Workers and Tutors”.

These resources were tested across the five partner countries—Portugal, Romania, Italy, Germany, and Greece. The first toolkit was tested by an average of 12 participants per country, including Autistic individuals, youth workers, and technical staff. It received very positive feedback for its clear structure, usefulness, and ability to foster self-reflection. The second toolkit was tested by about 7 participants per country, mainly youth workers/tutors and technical staff, who appreciated its intuitive, practical format and relevant, inclusive content on autism.

Testing methodologies were adapted to local contexts: Portugal, Romania, and Greece held in-person sessions with broader group discussions, while Germany and Italy conducted smaller online group testing.

All partners collected valuable suggestions for improvements in terms of form, structure, and content, with a focus on aligning the materials with each country’s specific context. These suggestions are currently being implemented to finalize the toolkits.

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3. Why Will the Toolkits Be So Important in the ASD-INtoJOB Project?

The toolkits being developed as part of the ASDintoJOB project will be essential for achieving our main goals: empowering young people on the autism spectrum, supporting those who work with them, and promoting real and sustainable inclusion in both the workplace and society.

These materials will combine practical and pedagogical knowledge, and have been tested and validated by professionals through focus groups in each partner country. Each toolkit is being designed to be accessible, adaptable, and relevant to diverse settings. Thanks to them, youth workers and employers will soon have access to clear guidance, real-world examples, and practical resources that will enhance their daily work and broaden their impact.

Furthermore, the toolkits will be a key component of the project's sustainability and dissemination strategy. They will allow our results and insights to reach beyond the consortium, serving as a reference for future initiatives aiming to transform the employment and social participation of Autistic youth in Europe.

Stay tuned for newsletter 3 and follow us on:

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We thank our partners in Germany for their enthusiastic and committed support during our interviews and for their active contribution to our project. A heartfelt thank you to all of you!

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