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Key Developments in the ASD-INtoJOB Project

1.Transnational Meeting in Coimbra

Key Project Progress

The consortium met in Coimbra on March 31 and April 1 for the fourth Transnational Project Meeting (TPM) of our project, this time hosted by APPDA Coimbra, in Portugal. This final in-person meeting between partners marked a key moment to evaluate project progress and coordinate the final steps before officially concludes in May this year.

Key Points:

- **Implementation Status:** Partners reviewed the status of all activities and began preparing the final project report. It was with joy that was confirmed that the results achieved are fully aligned with the initial objectives proposed to the European Union.
- **INtoJOB App Testing:** A central highlight of the meeting was the progress of the INtoJOB App, a digital tool specifically designed to assist autistic people in their employment journey. During the TPM, partners actively participated in technical testing and proposed functional improvements, in Android and IOS.
- **Next Steps - App:** The application will be validated, in each country piloting, based on the International Technology Acceptance Model (TAM) to ensure it is useful, accessible, and user-friendly. This will be followed by a final review and adaptation of translations into national languages and the lauching of video tutorials. The app is expected to be ready for the public in the coming weeks.
- **Final dissemination actions and sustainability plan:** These steps will help maintain the project's impact beyond its end and generate new ideas that can build on the results achieved.

Visit to APPDA Coimbra: Social Innovation in Action

The meeting included a visit to APPDA Coimbra's facilities, where partners had the opportunity to learn first-hand about their initiatives, VET Center and labour inclusion for autistic people.

The visit included:

- Observations of real work environments, such as the training kitchen and laundry.
- Engaging with APPDA staff, including autistic professionals.
- Presentations of social innovation projects that demonstrate the real-life impact of initiatives like ASD-INtoJOB.

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2. The Learning Materials Are Available on Our Website

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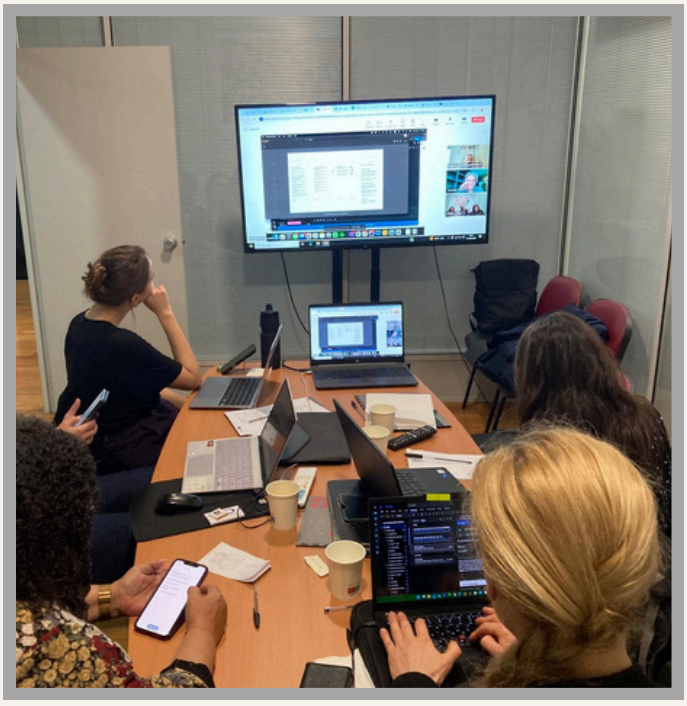
As the consortium has shared in recent weeks through social media, the three learning materials, **Toolkits**, are available on the official project website.

In the Results section, under Work Package 2, anyone interested can access and download them in English, Portuguese, Romanian, Greek, Italian and German.

What are they about? Here is a brief overview:

1. Employability Toolkit for Autistic Individuals:

This learning material is a practical guide designed to support autistic young people on their path to employment. It provides step-by-step guidance to help them identify their interests, strengths, and suitable work environments, as well as plan an effective job search strategy. Its accessible approach includes practical tips and reflective exercises that foster confidence and informed decision-making. The resource also covers all stages of the employment journey, from preparing a CV and cover letter to interview preparation and workplace adaptation. The goal is not only to facilitate access to employment but also to support job retention and long-term career development.



2. Employability and Training Toolkit for Youth Workers

This material has been developed for professionals working with autistic young people, such as youth workers, educators, and organisations. It provides key knowledge on autism and neurodiversity, as well as practical strategies to improve inclusion and support the transition from education to the labour market.

The toolkit helps professionals better understand the needs and strengths of autistic young people and offers tools to create more inclusive learning and working environments. Its aim is to empower professionals with practical resources that promote autonomy, confidence, and employability.

3.Autism-Inclusive Workplace Design: Employer Toolkit

This toolkit is aimed at employers, managers, and organisations that want to create more inclusive workplaces for autistic people. It offers clear guidance on how autism may influence workplace experiences and strategies to remove barriers related to communication, work organisation, and sensory environments. The guide presents concrete and easy-to-implement measures such as adapting workspaces, improving communication, offering clear routines, and implementing mentoring and internal training. Its goal is to help companies move from awareness to action, promoting more accessible, diverse, and innovative workplaces.

We invite you to visit our website and explore each of them in more depth.
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3. Upcoming National Events and Final Phase of the Project

The project is now officially entering its final phase, marked by important dissemination and results-transfer events. Some partners can already share updates about the multiplier events being organised in each partner country:

- **Germany:** Multiplier Event – April 28, 2026
- **Portugal:** Final Conference – May 20, 2026
- The other partners are currently finalising the dates of their national events with local stakeholders and will confirm them in the coming days.

But that's not all…

The consortium will also:

- Organise an webinar on employment and autism, for employers and HR Managers.
- Participate in the international conference "Modern Approaches in School Counseling, Speech and Language Therapy, and Educational Support", 23 May 2026, in Brașov (Romania), where the project results will be presented.
- Submit a Scientific Article to the "International Journal of Developmental Disabilities", ed. Taylor & Francis,

We will keep you informed about all events through our social media channels

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