

Mobile youth peer mentoring application to facilitate distance mentoring guidance for youth with disabilities

Main aims:




- To develop a novel youth peer mentoring pedagogy which will be used by youth workers to train youth peer mentors to support PwD
- To develop training tools for youth mentors and youth mentees with disabilities
- To develop a mobile app for implementation of distance guidance
- To provide innovative type of guidance matching the knowledge and understanding during the mentoring process of youth with disabilities and their peer mentors guidance
- To strengthen the collaboration among youth organisations, local authorities, chambers of commerce, universities, NGOs and SMEs and organizations de-voted to support employment of youth with disabilities
- To fight against social isolation and stigmatization towards PwD
- To open new horizons for the efficient use of free time of youth

Following products will be developed:

- IO1: Youth Peer Mentors Pedagogy Framework
- IO2: Job inclusion guidebook for young mentors
- IO3: Impact assessment youth peer mentoring tool
- IO4: Mobile youth peer mentoring application to facilitate distance mentoring guidance for youth with disabilities (Android based)

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2nd TSN MEETING AND MOBILITY IN SOFIA, BULGARIA

The 2nd TSN MEETING for Erasmus+ Strategic partnership youth project“Mobile youth peer mentoring application to facilitate distance mentoring guidance for youth with disabilities”was organised on 16-17 April in Sofia Bulgaria by the host partner Zgura-M.

All partners participated actively in all sessions, adding value to the pre-set agenda.

The host partner Zgura-M welcomed both the project and mobility participants from Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey. After a brief introduction by the project coordinator Prof. Dr. Seyhan Firat, mobility participants proceeded with their own agenda, while partners started the project meeting.



Project partners and mobility participants



Project partners

1st BLENDED MOBILITY IN SOFIA, BULGARIA

The first blended mobility for Erasmus+ Strategic partnership youth project “Mobile youth peer mentoring application to facilitate distance mentoring guidance for youth with disabilities” Project number: 2017-1-TR01-KA205-039752, took place on 15-19 April 2018, in Sofia, Bulgaria.

Following activities were organised: “Let’s get to know each other” session for networking and introduction of mobility participants and project partners. Common welcome dinner attended by all participants.

The 2nd day started with joint session with MyPeerMentor project partners where the mobility programme and organisational issues were presented.

Next, following sessions took place: First training workshop on Strategy for conducting mentoring sessions Guide developed within MyPeerMentor project, topics: presentation of the guide and training work shop on planning and implementation of peer mentoring programme lead by Petya Grudeva (Zgura-M) Second workshop on presentation of ABLE Mentor initiative, topics: presentation of mentoring programmes for youth conducted within the initia-



tive and storytelling shared by young mentors and mentees lead by Nikolay Nikolov (ABLE Mentor) Visiting the VIIth International Fair of social enterprises, topics: visits to the stands of social enterprises and youth NGOs and attending the official opening ceremony of the Fair- officials from the Bulgarian Government.

The 3rd and 4th days had also a busy agenda: A visit to The World of Maria’s occupational centre for youth with intellectual disabilities, Visit to the Bread Houses Network Bulgaria, topics: presentation of the Bread Houses Network Bulgaria activities and thematic workshop on bread kneading dedicated to “Being a mentor- personal attributes and qualities”, lead by Sandra Topalska (Bread Houses Network Bulgaria). The taste of our countries, topics: Intercultural exchange – each participant to bring traditional food, drink, music to illustrate the “taste” of the home country. The 4th day started with the Third workshop on presentation of Voluntary Unit - Sofia

activities, topics: presentation of disaster and crisis management programme conducted by young volunteers and initiatives for involvement of young disadvantaged people, lead by Yasev Tsvetkov (Voluntary Unit – Sofia), lead by Iva Krustanova (The Duke of Edinburgh’s International Award).



Visit to The Duke of Edinburgh’s International Award, topics: presentation of the mentoring programme and other activities for youth conducted by the awarded Bulgarian young people and personal story telling by young mentors and mentees

The 5th and last day of the mobility programme was finalised by a tour in Sofia that focused on the urban accessibility of people with disabilities.

The mobility concluded with a Certification awarding ceremony was done by participating by all mobilities.



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PROJECT PARTNERS DISSEMINATION ACTIVITIES

TUIasi team participated at the “JobShop” National Career Event on 16-21 March 2018 in Iasi, Romania.



The event was attended by more than 500 people (representatives from NGOs, SMEs, youth associations, students, etc.). The team from Romania presented to the event participants information about the MyPeerMentor project, indicating the objectives, the

achievements and the expected impact. Also, discussions with 11 corporate entities from Romania (“Best” Students Association, AIESEC Association, Coca-Cola Romania, Adecco Romania, S.C. Preh Romania S.R.L., E-ON Romania, BMT Aerospace Romania S.R.L.,

SCC Romania, Assystem Technologies Romania, Arcelor Mital Galati, Ecolab Romania) that employ young people (with or without physical disabilities) were held, to inform them about the MyPeerMentor project and to find ways of cooperating for future activities.



“My Peer Mentor” Erasmus+ Youth Strategic Partnership Project Dissemination Activities Going On



Dissemination meeting of EU Erasmus + Youth Strategic Partnership project titled “Mobile Youth Peer Mentoring Application Distance Mentoring Guidance for Youth with Disabilities” for school managers was held at Osmaniye Teachers’ House on April 27th, 2018.

Project coordinator Medine Güney presented MyPeerMentor project’s subjectives, target group, project activities and its expected results on youth

with physical disabilities.

Deputy director Milla KATIK said “Peer mentoring is essentially an individual career counseling. The focus of this project and use of its mobile application will encourage young people with physical disabilities to work at appropriate works. Thus, as the self-confidence and social skills of the disabled young people develop, their professional skills, as well as their working habits, team work and adaptability

with their colleagues will develop.

The prior targets of this Project are;

- Preparing a Youth Peer Mentor’s frame work program to train youth workers to mentor their disabled peers.
- Developing educational tools and mobile applications for the implementation of youth peer mentoring to young people with physical disabilities.

Informal presentations of MyPeerMentor project during meetings with Romanian students



Informal presentations of MyPeerMentor project were done by TUIasi partner team during meetings with Romanian students from universities and schools in Iasi, Romania. In the period November 2017 - June 2018 were conducted 21 meetings with over 2000 young people (students and pupils) in Iasi, where the objectives and activities of the project were presented.



The second National Advisory Board meeting in Romania on 4 May 2018

The second National Advisory Board (NAB) meeting in Romania of MyPeerMentor

project was held in Iasi on 4 May 2018 at “Gheorghe Asachi” Technical University of Iasi. At this

event over 60 guests attended (team of P6 partner, students, local authorities and representatives of NGOs, youth training centers, etc.). Some of the National Advisory Board members attended the meeting via Skype. At the meeting the project achievements (IO and Dissemination results) obtained between 01.09.2017 - 30.04.2018 were presented.



Hacettepe University, Faculty of Health Science, Occupational Therapy Department were visited on 26.03.2018

CASGEM presented My Peer Mentor Project to the coordinator of the department, Prof.Dr. Hülya KAYIHAN and her team. Hacettepe University – Faculty of Health Science, Occupational Therapy Department is the beneficiary of the “Technical Assistance for Increasing the Employability of People with Disabilities”; the project is co-financed by the EU and the Republic of Turkey. The overall objective of their project is to increase working capacity, motivation, productivity, job search skills and social skills of



the PwD to increase their employability and facilitate their access to labour market. In the meeting collaboration between institutions were discussed.



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project partners. Deputy director Milla KATIK and Project coordinator Medine GÜNEY visited and presented Project details with Celil ATASEVER, the founder and consultant of OKÜ Genç-İz Club and academic member of Osmaniye Korkut Ata University on June 19th, 2018, Ahmet ALTUNKAYNAK the provincial Director of Osmaniye Labor and Employment Agency on 21 June 2018 and Mustafa Loğoğlu, the provincial Director of Osmaniye Youth Services and Sports on June 25, 2018.



Presentation of the MyPeerMentor project to Minister Nicolae BURNETE, Ministry of Research and Innovation, Government of Romania

On May 17, 2018 TUIasi partner team was met with Minister Nicholas Burnet, Ministry of Research and Innovation, the Government of Romania. During this meeting the objectives and activities of the project were presented. Also, discussions were held on ways of cooperation for future project activities.

