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PowerUP

Knowledge is POWER: Providing learning and empowering opportunities for young adults with special educational needs (SEN)

The "PowerUP!" project is an innovative initiative designed to empower young adults with special educational needs by enhancing their digital and entrepreneurial skills.

Through a series of high-quality entrepreneurial-focused resources and training modules, freely accessible and tailored to the learning needs of young adults with SEN, "PowerUP!" seeks to equip participants with the necessary skills to navigate and succeed in today's digital landscape, fostering inclusion, and opening up new opportunities for personal and professional growth.

The project partners have organised dissemination events and have made the website available in all partner languages. They have also finalised the Small-Scale Data Review and Analysis Report (A1) and the Needs Identification and Module Design (A2) Report. The partners are now working on the microlearning modules and scripts for the instructional material which will be ready an available in early 2025.

Stay tuned for more information!

In this newsletter you can expect:

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Key Milestones

WP3 – Microlearning Modules Completed
We are proud to announce the completion of Work Package 3 (WP3), which focused on developing a comprehensive training course made up of six microlearning modules, tailored specifically to the needs of young adults with SEN. These modules were designed following extensive research and consultations through desk research, interviews, and stakeholder input. Each module includes three units, engaging video content, and support materials for educators. All content has been finalised in English and is now being translated into all partner languages, ensuring accessibility and cultural relevance across all consortium countries.
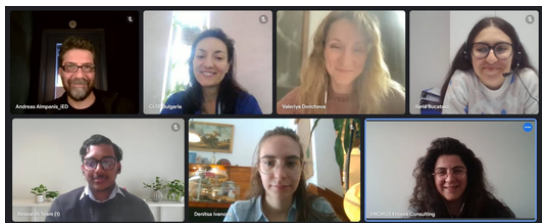
Here's a snapshot of what each module covers:

- **Module 1:** Inclusion and Teaching of Entrepreneurship in Mainstream Education
Covers the role of entrepreneurship in social cohesion, community building, and its integration into formal and informal education.

- **Module 2**: Smooth Integration of Young Adults with SEN
Focuses on recognising the strengths of youth with SEN, creating inclusive learning spaces, and promoting social-emotional empowerment.

- **Module 3:** Teaching Entrepreneurship to Youth with SEN
Offers adaptable teaching methods, strategies to value individual strengths, and simulation-based approaches to learning.

- **Module 4**: Youth Entrepreneurship – The How-To
Emphasises sustainable entrepreneurship, creative thinking, and the use of digital tools for business growth.

- **Module 5**: Core Entrepreneurial Skills and Competencies
Covers market navigation, employment options, and essential financial literacy.

- **Module 6**: The Art of Creative Thinking and Problem-Solving
Focuses on building creative thinking skills and applying them to generate solutions.

Meet Maria and Nicholas!

These are our characters involved in various real-life scenarios concerning entrepreneurship in the videos developed for the Modules.
We can't wait for you to meet them!

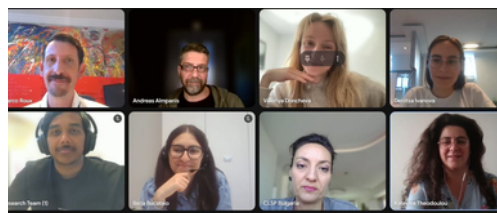# Key Project Meetings

28 March 2025

Overcoming Challenges Together!

On 28 March, the Power Up Project partners held a focused meeting to address some challenges related to the video content for the WP3 microlearning modules.
Like all projects, we encounter obstacles—but what sets Power Up apart is the strong spirit of transnational cooperation and effective project management that helps us tackle issues head-on and turn them into opportunities for improvement.
Through open dialogue, shared problem-solving, and a commitment to quality, the team is working closely to ensure the educational videos are accessible, engaging, and inclusive for youth with Special Educational Needs (SEN). These resources are vital to supporting entrepreneurship and digital learning, and we're determined to deliver the best possible results.

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30 April 2025

Looking Forward

On 30 April, the Power Up Consortium met to review progress and coordinate the exciting next steps in our journey to empower youth with Special Educational Needs (SEN).

We focused on:
Final activities in WP3, as we wrap up the development of our inclusive microlearning modules Planning for WP4, which includes the much-anticipated pilot phase.
Detailed preparation for our upcoming trip to Larissa, Greece, where we'll pilot the training materials with educators and young learners in a real-world setting.
And looking ahead to our final Transnational Project Meeting in Vienna, where we'll celebrate our achievements and ensure everything is in place for the project's closing stages.
This meeting was a great example of strong teamwork and transnational cooperation— all in service of creating accessible, high-quality learning opportunities for youth with SEN. Stay tuned for more updates as we approach this exciting phase of implementation!

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What's Next

Pilot Workshops
Each partner will host a pilot training workshop in their country to test the course and collect valuable feedback from learners and educators. These sessions will help assess the usability, adaptability, and effectiveness of the Power Up training tools.

Inclusive Digital Platform Launch
An engaging and accessible learning platform will host resources, including photo stories, interactive quizzes, and real-world scenarios will be added to the project's website where all material will be freely accessible.

Flagship Training Event in Larissa, Greece
The highlight of WP4 will be the transnational pilot training event in Larissa, hosted by iED from 16–20 June 2025. This inclusive event will bring together participants from all partner countries to experience the Power Up modules firsthand, exchange best practices, and promote a shared commitment to inclusive education.

We're on social media and have a website just for you!

Please take a look at our website and stay tuned for all upcoming events and activities

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Thank you for reading!