

PLACE AND TRAIN FOR THE INCLUSION IN CATERING AND HOSPITALITY SECTOR

Welcome to the PATCH project newsletter. We began this exciting journey with a Kick-off Meeting in December 2024 in Asti, Italy.

We are pleased to share our recent accomplishments, introduce you to our valued partners, and outline our plans for the future. Join us in continuing to create an inclusive environment.



About PATCH

PATCH stands for Place and train in catering and hospitality sector of people with cognitive disabilities (SNS). It is a project dedicated to providing individuals with limited cognitive abilities with quality work placement through the place and train mode, in a living workplace offering the on-the-job experience.

Our main activity is to develop an online training program for trainers who will guide company tutors, preparing them to integrate SNs into the workplace, comprehensive of an open badge system for the certification of the competences acquired.



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Meet Our Partners

The success of the PATCH project is made possible through the dedication and expertise of our incredible partners. Each partner brings unique strengths and perspectives, contributing to our shared mission of promoting social inclusion and diversity in education and training.



FO-Aarhus (Denmark): Committed to adult education since 1973, offering non-formal courses for the Aarhus community.



GUREAK (Spain): Grupo Gureak was founded in San Sebastian in 1975. Gureak offers job opportunities promoting social and labor inclusion of people with disabilities, designing and developing individualized itineraries adapted to their needs and objectives.



STELLA VIRIUM (Poland): Established in 2013 in Krakow to promote lifelong learning, job inclusion and diversity. Since then, it has impacted over 800 people engaging 600+ volunteers, often in collaboration with business partners.



Co-talent (Spain): Since 2016 they have been co-creating learning spaces promoting the development of soft skills in sectors such as education, sports, health, public providing tools for personal, social and professional development.

RESOL



Thierry Frossard (France): RESOL Formation is a specialized training and consulting firm dedicated to human resources development, actively engaged in training, HR consulting, and European project landscape. .



Viomichaniko Epimelitirio Herakliou (Greece): The HCCI's role is to act as an advisor and consultant to the general government for issues concerning commerce, industry and other issues relevant to economic development.



AFP Colline Astigiane astigiane (Italy): Since 1998 they manage the Vocational Training Centre AFP combining the public and private local synergies within a territorial development project focused on the qualification and professionalisation of tourists' reception.



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Goals of the project

Provide VET TRAINERS with suitable competences and tools for supporting company tutors.

Develop training methodologies and tools for the COMPANY TUTORS.

Develop a system for evaluating **and valorise SNs skills, based on micro credentials.**

Promote the adoption of the results within the reference VET systems of the partners.



Recent achievements

Extensive research on 38 best practices for the workplace integration of individuals with cognitive disabilities was conducted in 6 countries.

This initiative has significantly improved our understanding of the essential skills needed to successfully perform in the hospitality, catering and event management sectors.



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What's Next?

NATIONAL FOCUS GROUP

We are excited to announce the upcoming National Focus Groups, which will take place in each participating country.

Each country will host one focus group with the aim of:

- Defining the learning outcomes for VET trainers to better support company tutors involved in SNs placements.
- Defining the learning outcomes for company tutors to better support special needs learners during their job placements.

 Participants will include:

- 2 VET trainers
- 2 company tutors
- 1 civil servant working in the field of SNs (work placements abroad)
- 1 civil servant working in the area of local recognition and certification of competences

Additionally, we are launching a national survey to gather insights directly from VET trainers and company tutors who support SNs

Stay connected!

We will keep you updated with our progress and upcoming milestones. Stay tuned for more exciting news from the PATCH project!

