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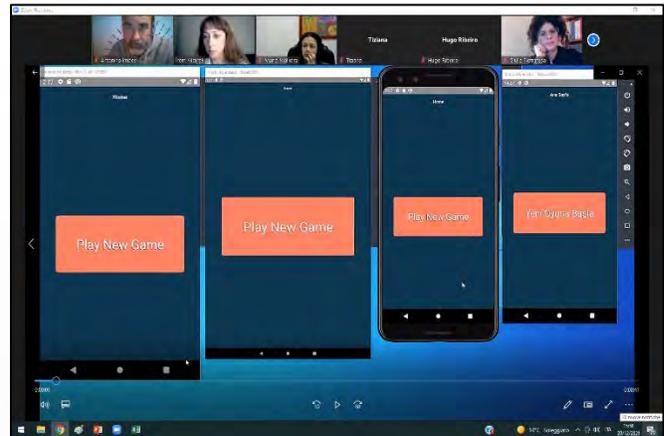
Third meeting made online again

Unfortunately, the third transnational meeting of the project was also carried out online. The decision to hold also this meeting in a virtual way was taken in agreement by all the partners of the project due to the new wave of infections from covid-19 that has affected the whole Europe. Unfortunately, the omicron variant proved to be highly contagious and led the partners to once again to prefer a virtual



meeting on zoom. The meeting took place, as planned, on last 29th of December and was virtually hosted by the Spanish partner AIJU. During the meeting, was discussed the state of the art of the various intellectual products, all already at a good point of development (as you could also see from our previous project newsletter), and were defined the steps of the activities and mobility still to be implemented (in particular the so-called "blended mobilities" that must involve young students and which for reasons relating to the necessary vaccinations and greater safety have been moved to the months of April and May 2022). In relation to these mobilities, it was decided to activate a

a couple of doodle surveys to check the availability of dates of the partners and establish the dates for their development. Obviously, even in this case, it will be earlier verified if the pandemic will allow the various delegations to meet in person, because none of the partners wants to put the safety of staff and young participating students at risk in any way. The desire and the will to finally meet in person is great, but it is clear that it will still be necessary to verify that it could be possible to do so without risk to the health of the participants..



(In the photos shown in the article you can see a couple of moments from the third project meeting)

Faced the covid situation in the various countries

During the third project meeting the partners, in addition to deepening the issues related to the project activities, also discussed the situation of the pandemic in the various countries of origin. The omicron variant is unfortunately creating great difficulties for all partners, who have recorded dozens of cases of contagion and had to face really very complicated situations. Just to give an example



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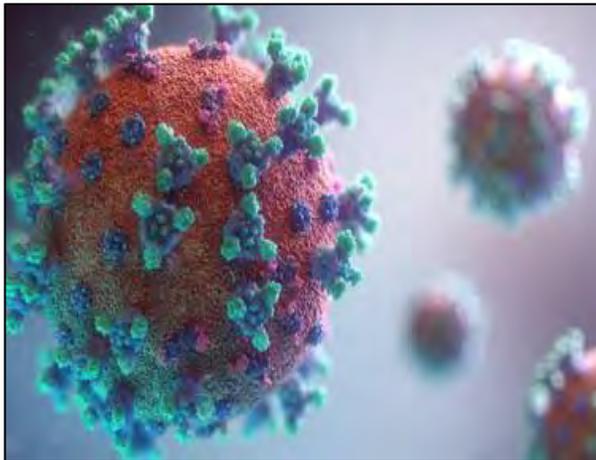
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the association EURO-NET, also leader of the project "LearnEU", had to block a youth training course under development, at the beginning of January due to force majeure, having registered 11 cases of covid infection in the 25 participants. The lived experience was traumatizing as the various infected young people were forced into their rooms in compulsory quarantine for many days and also over the dates established for the end of the activity and only the availability and competence of the health personnel of the



Regional Authority of Basilicata (which immediately supervised the outbreak giving the necessary provisions and making the necessary PSR tests), together with the efforts made by the organizers, by "Grande Albergo" hotel (where the boys were hosted), by the Mancinelli pharmacy (where dozens of quick antigenic tests were carried out) and by the National Youth Agency (which allowed the closure of the project due to obvious "force majeure" and permitted the transfer of some funds to cover health costs such as exceptional expenses) avoided further negative and

unpleasant consequences. The experience has, therefore, unequivocally demonstrated that, despite all the precautions taken (test carried out before the arrival in Italy of each participant and double or triple doses of anticovid vaccine for each participant), this virus is really difficult to fight. and it still takes time to think about returning to a "normal" life, made up of relationships, contacts and tranquillity. It therefore remains necessary to continue to respect the fundamental rules that reduce the chances of contagion and to continue the necessary vaccination campaign without stopping.





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Upcoming activities

All the partners are working hard on the development/completion of the various games that are part of the "LearnEU" project's tool-kit and, at the moment, the entire partnership plans to respect all the project steps and to be able to start, as soon as possible, the realization of of playful-didactic paths. with the students foreseen in the various Partner Countries and the eight multiplier events



planned in the project. The objective of these dissemination/multiplication activities is, of course, to allow the broadest public knowledge of the entire project and the activities developed by it as well as the presentation, in each partner country, of the intellectual outputs and of the entire tool-kit created, first of all, involving schools that are not part of the partnership. Therefore, in these are eight dissemination events will be invited to participate:

- Educators
- Teachers

- School directors
- Students
- Young people
- Boys
- Youth workers
- Heads of NGOs and associations
- Local, regional and national public administrators
- National and European parliamentarians
- Delegates of the European Commission Representation in the various countries
- Delegates of the European Parliament in Italy
- Delegates of the Erasmus Plus National Agency
- Delegates of the Regional School Office
- Delegates of the Ministry of National Education
- Interested Stakeholders such as companies or training bodies, European organizations, etc.
- Managers of European information centres (Eurodesk, Europe Direct, Euroguidance, etc.)
- Citizens in general
- Media (TV, radio and newspapers)
- etc..





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Each local multiplier event is designed to:



- favor the dissemination of the project results;
- present the intellectual products made to the general public;
- facilitate the participation of stakeholders and direct beneficiaries;
- encourage debate and the active participation of citizens;
- give impetus to a new way of disseminating knowledge of Europe, its history and its values;
- develop a network of operators interested in the use of the products;
- promote knowledge of the project to the most important media (newspapers, TV, radio);
- disseminate the results by improving the international scope of the project;
- involve local decision makers and educational institutions;
- explore new fields of cooperation for a massive use of the products developed also in other realities;
- facilitate the participation of target groups;
- share the products made with all possible organizations interested in spreading the European message;
- allow the entire school sector to know the existence of the tools developed so to be able to use them.

During each event, the recreational-educational paths created during the project and all the outcomes developed in the Strategic Partnership will also be presented. In each multiplier event, the project partners will also have the possibility to participate with the teams that have developed the various intellectual products, obviously without being able to be counted in the number of participants (as expressly provided for by the



specific rule of the Erasmus Plus program). The partners (either directly in person or linked via skype for those who have difficulty in participating personally) will describe the work done during the project and how the definition of the complete toolkit was reached: in this way the entire path of activity of the strategic partnership developed will be presented to show how a European project can really create effective results and useful products.. Foreign partners who will be able to attend the event in person will obviously be reimbursed, through the specific grant provided for this activity, for the travel and subsistence costs incurred to participate in the event itself..

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