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ACCESS UP - WHAT'S UP IN THE PROJECT

Transnational Meeting 3

The partners of the ACCESS_UP project came together on May 25th and 26th 2023 for the third transnational meeting. During the meeting, the following parameters were discussed:

- Definition of the third intellectual product: A laboratory to develop the second part of R3. While working on this task, the partners conducted small group brainstorming sessions to identify indicators of early school leaving and prevention.
- Presentation of the digital educational game (R2)
- Presentation of the draft of the fourth intellectual output – Developing a Quick Scan tool to prevent ESL.
- Presentation by Psientífica of the project's editorial plan: status of the communication and dissemination plan and communication channels to be used to guarantee compliance and effectiveness.
- Discussion of next steps and issues.



Development of project results.

R1: QUALITY ASSURANCE SYSTEM FOR STRATEGIES AGAINST ESL (Responsible: Folkuniversitetet)

ACCESS UP's quality assurance system is designed to identify areas of improvement and strategic priorities for the full implementation of the comprehensive approach against ESL. It focuses on the processes and actions of prevention and intervention against ESL implemented by schools, internally and with the whole territorial system. The QA_ESL system will allow:

- 1. The collection of data referring to actions and resources/processes/results related to ESL;
- The transformation of data into information, through their evaluation in terms of the effectiveness of what has been achieved and implications for further improvements;
- 3. The elaboration of Recommendations to implement concrete strategies for improvement.

The objective of this Result is to create a system of quality assurance of measures to contrast ESL carried out by the school and that involves all local actors in the evaluation.





The activities that will be carried out are:

• Definition of areas and points of attention of the system.

• Carrying out a survey aimed at internal and external stakeholders of the school system.

Review of best practices on QA systems

Data analysis and development of areas and points of attention of the system

- Territorial workshops for sharing
- Elaboration of indicators for each area and point of attention
- Development of the QA_ESL system
- PILOT TESTING

Next steps in the development of Result 4:

Folkuniversitetet aims to develop a Quick Scan Tool in order to prevent early school leaving. The Quick Scan is a tool for assessing the level of early school dropout in order to identify the causes and methods of solving this problem. This quick scan addresses the school's current policy on how it works with students, teachers, parents and stakeholders to reduce early school leaving. This quick scan will be used directly by teachers and students, as well as parents and stakeholders who are already actively involved in the school to some extent. The quick scan questions are based on a methodological framework as well as on the results of previous activities.

The scan can be filled out by each participant individually or as a result of a joint discussion of the questions presented in the questionnaire. The final results will be presented as an average score for all participants or as two separate average scores. Based on the feedback received, teachers, students, parents and stakeholders can discuss what measures can be taken to reduce early school leaving. You can also conclude the quick scan by discussing the scores for each question as a group. In this way, completing the quick scan tool is actually the beginning of a discussion about early school leaving and parent and stakeholder engagement, as it immediately shows differences in perceptions within the group.

ISTAY TUNED TO WHAT'S COMING NEXT!