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SILVER ECONOMY AS A NEW PATHWAY TO FOSTER ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND FACILITATE THE DISABLED PERSONS' INSERTION AND REINSERTION IN LABOUR MARKET

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Silver + post Covid period

The will to go on

One year ago everybody was preparing for the summer holidays and nobody could have predicted the changes that the Covid and the post Covid recovery would have brought. Not only in terms of human suffering, shortage of services and deprivation, but also in terms of **resilience** and the need to find again or to re-design the reference points we were all used to.

The persons with disabilities were among those highly affected by the lockdown period and by the slow recovery of the social and sanitary services. They were the first ones to be put apart from the job places, and the last ones to be reintegrated when the reopening began.

This newsletter is dedicated to some contributions coming from the partner countries on the unique emergency period that we are dealing with and to the high quality products realized during these months.

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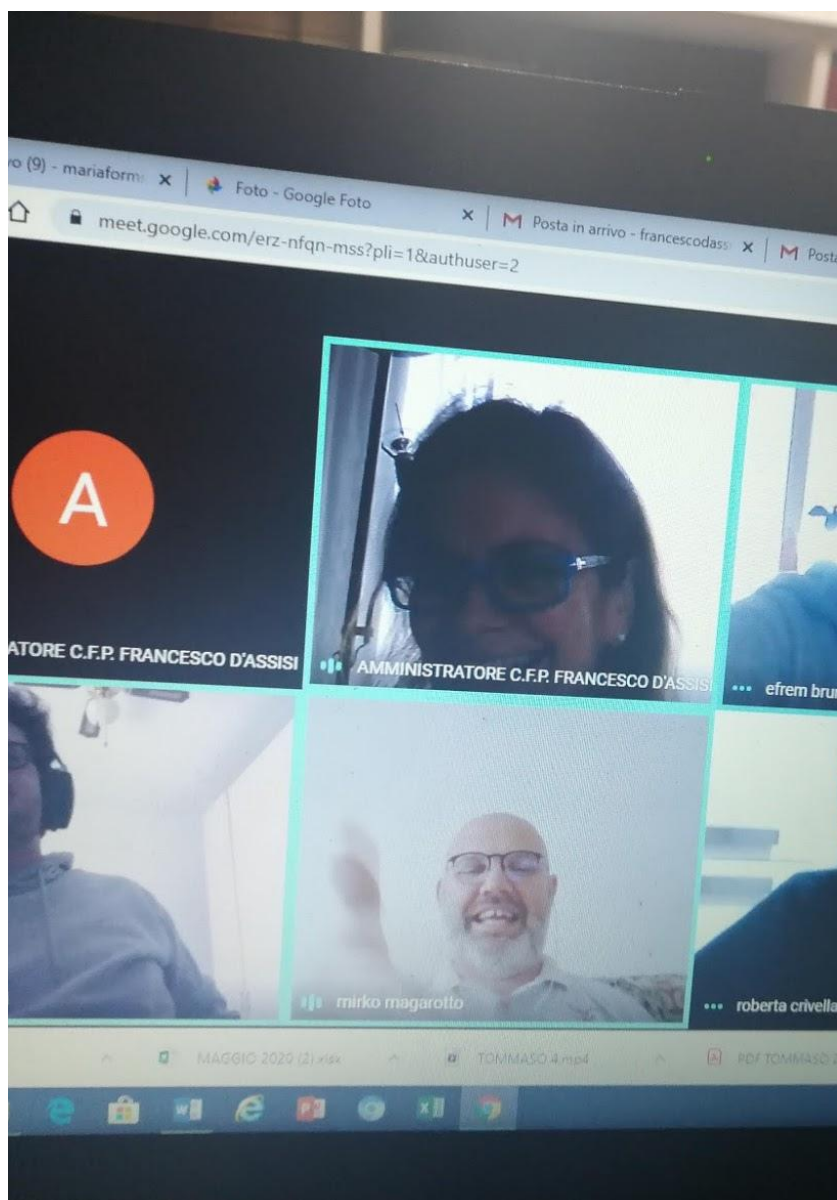
e-learning Project Platform



The project partner Danmar Computers from Poland has developed the e-learning platform that allows professionals from the healthcare system and persons with disabilities to receive free training regarding the necessary competences linked to the support for job inclusion. The testing phase will end in September 2020, but the platform will remain available online as an open educational resource, free and without registration, for any interested specialist or beneficiary:

<https://silverplus.erasmus.site/e-learning/>

All project results are to be made available through the project website.



UPCOMING EVENTS

The last Project Meeting and Final Dissemination Event will be held in Italy, Cadoneghe (Padua), on the 17th and the 18th of September 2020. The partnership hopes there will be the conditions to organize face to face meetings.



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POLAND

POST EMERGENCY SITUATION

Unfortunately, due to the introduction of the epidemic emergency state, assistance and care services have been significantly reduced or suspended, among others due to the resignation of people performing these tasks.

A solution to the situation has been the organization of online sessions, so trainers, therapists, job coach, psychologists and instructors are in regular contact with their caretakers, supporting people with disabilities in coping with emotions, stress and growing tension.

Poviat self-governments launched financial support programs for those experiencing the inability to use care in a rehabilitation facility. The Polish Fund for the Rehabilitation of the Disabled Persons also extended its forms of support to their target groups, e.g. the caregiver of a disabled person may receive an allowance for the care of a sick adult family member. Day care centers have reopened in Poland after the 24th of May.



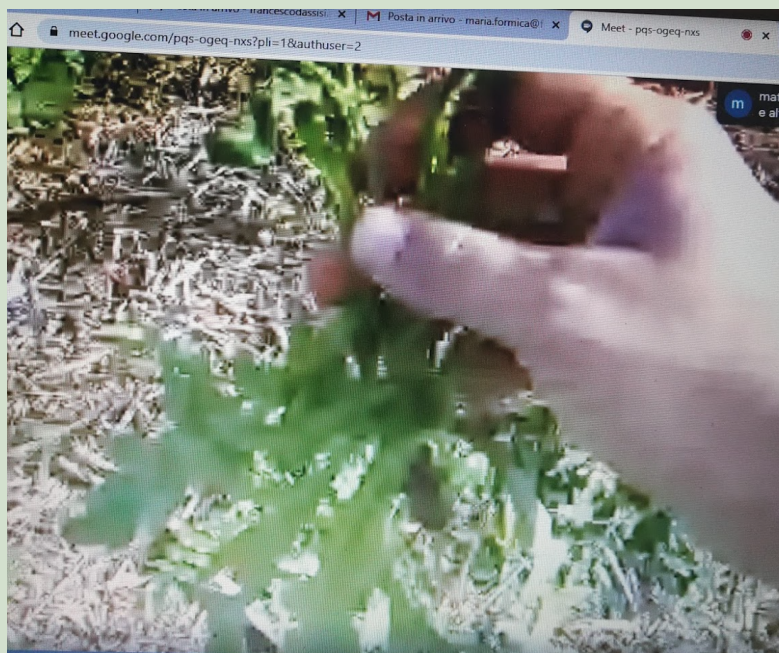
ITALY

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Each Italian Region reacted to the Covid emergency according to its internal legislation, assuming personalized social and sanitary measures that have much influenced the management of the crisis and, therefore, the containment of the damages.

According to the Report "The pandemic seen by the workers with disabilities", made by FISH, the Italian Federation for the Overcoming of Disabilities, the sanitary emergency highlighted some limits of the job inclusion policies for disabled persons. Some third sector organizations reacted and tried to create a network of support and bring the work into their homes, but this was not always possible. Others invested in the digital competences of the disabled workers, hoping to facilitate their return to the job place.

Others, like Francesco d'Assisi Social cooperative from Cadoneghe (Padua), offered an online permanent training to the students and the workers with disabilities, and when the reopening was made possible, the activities can partly go on. Below - the online videos made by the beneficiaries while doing gardening work at home, and the cooperative's garden cultivated again nowadays, armed with suitable face masks, respecting the requested social distance.



SPAIN

POST EMERGENCY SITUATION

Due to the severe situation the global pandemic caused, the consequences were severe and restrictive measures were established, like the state of alarm, measures that can be particularly harmful. Being a vulnerable group of people that in many occasions live in environments where it is difficult to maintain social distance and the lack of knowledge of healthcare professionals on how to address the needs of the target group, resulted in severe repercussion for the group. However, therapists, trainers and instructors decided to continue their activities via online classes or live with them in the specialized centers, to be able to take care of them and not expose them to the risk. The state of alarm caused that the group of vulnerable people to stop attending, working and participating in their centers or services, breaking their routines, added to the difficulties they have to understand this situation, created challenges for many families. Moreover, although therapeutic outlets have been regulated, many services are still inaccessible.



