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The DiLitE Project enters its final phase!

Our innovative 2-year Erasmus+ KA2 project “Digital Literacy in Europe - DiLitE” enters its final phase as our team members from our organisation partners in **UK, Ireland, Cyprus, Spain, Greece and Portugal** have completed the **pilot-testing** of the **DiLitE Curriculum for Adult Educators (IO2)** and the **Practice Toolkit for Adult Learners (IO3)**.

Despite the difficulties and challenges imposed by the Covid-19 pandemic, the pilot-testing of the DiLitE Curriculum has engaged **5-10 adult educators and practitioners in each partner country**. The outcomes and the feedback received showed that it is indeed a **flexible curriculum which can be successfully adapted to different countries and contexts**. The educational material outlines what we see as principled practice in the teaching of a broad range of literacies within the context of basic literacy, and encourages reflective, participatory and innovative approaches to methodology and pedagogy in the internet age.

The Practice Toolkit was very well received by the vast majority of the participants. This is a set of **innovative, modern and customisable resources and tools** which can enable adult educators to develop their own teaching materials, and **build the digital capital of their learners**, especially those who belong to vulnerable groups.

The educators who participated in the DiLitE trainings said...

“I learned more about digital literacy, both in theory and mostly in practice. The proposed activities and the toolkit are very useful and interesting!”

“Digital tools nowadays are so different from those of the past! All people should be taught how to use them. Education is global and so is technology.”

“It was great to further explore some digital tools that might be useful for my learners.”

“I loved the training contents, which are very useful for adult trainers.”

“I saw the ‘future’ of digital literacies with new eyes!”

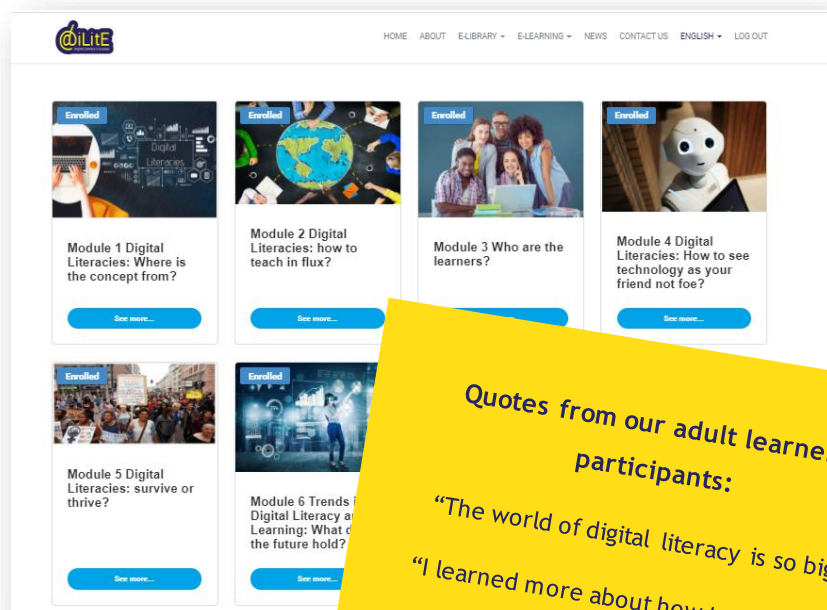


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Many of the trainers who participated in the DiLiTE pilots had the opportunity to help the project partners test the material developed, in particular the DiLiTE toolkit. The pilots engaged **10-40 adult learners in each partner country**, focusing on participants who wish to enhance their basic digital literacy skills, including native and non-native speakers of the main language(s), as well as migrant populations/refugees or asylum seekers who are developing language and literacy skills in the host country's language, and unemployed or people in search for another job.

Following the completion of the pilot-testing, an **evaluation** took place, utilizing direct feedback both from the project team members and also from the participants to these pilots (educators & adult learners). The completion of the pilot activities has **validated the added value of the project outputs**, assuring us that they do meet the needs of the **target groups**. Based on the evaluation feedback, the basic capacity building programme/e-learning platform & the toolkit will be fine-tuned and finalized, so that the multiplier events in all participating countries and the final conference can take place.



Quotes from our adult learners/ participants:

"The world of digital literacy is so big!"

"I learned more about how to protect my privacy on the social media."

"Learning about game-based learning was really interesting!"

"I learned new methods to learn other languages, using technology."

"The training helped me to build my CV on the Europass Platform."

"It was a great hope for me, thank you!"



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The English version of the DiLiTE e-learning platform is available to all -with free registration- via the project’s website at <https://dilite-project.eu>. The educational programme will be also soon available in Greek, Spanish and Portuguese.

The full English version of the DiLiTE Practice Toolkit is also offered on the project website (both as a flipbook and in .pdf format), while selected material is available in all partner languages.

Join us in the “home stretch” of our Erasmus+ project!

As our partners are getting ready for the multiplier events/learning festivals and the final (online) conference, there are still plenty of opportunities in each country for both practitioners (including educators, professors, teachers, trainers, volunteers, mentors, researchers, assistants) and adult learners to get involved in the project! You can contact your in-country partner to find out more. Visit our website <https://dilite-project.eu> & follow us on FB <https://www.facebook.com/dilite.project> to keep up-to-date!

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