

# NEWSLETTER

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## EMPOWERING VULNERABLE ADULTS WITH VISUAL THINKING!

Welcome to the first edition of our newsletter for our project- ***SkillVista!*** We are excited to share with you the goals and progress of our initiative aimed at ***Empowering Vulnerable Adults through Visual Learning for Soft Skills Development!***

This project is funded by European Union, under Erasmus+ programme (project no. 2023-2-EE01-KA210-ADU-000182426). Stay connected with us through this newsletter as we share updates, success stories, and upcoming events related to our project.

Enjoy our first newsletter!

In this newsletter you can expect:

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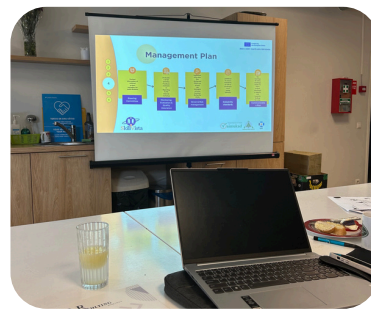


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## Objectives of SkillVista Project

- Create a comprehensive toolkit comprising visually-rich resources tailored to equip educators with effective strategies for soft skills instruction.
- Integrate scenario-based simulations on the online platform, providing vulnerable adult learners with practical, immersive experiences to apply and refine their soft skills.
- Conduct specialized training session to empower educators in maximizing the impact of visual thinking techniques in their soft skills instruction.
- Implement a series of interactive challenges within the online platform to actively engage vulnerable adult learners in practical exercises that reinforce and apply soft skills in real-world contexts. This objective aims to enhance learners' proficiency and confidence in utilizing soft skills effectively.
- Conduct systematic assessments to measure the effectiveness of visual thinking in enhancing soft skills development for vulnerable adult learners. Use feedback and data to refine and optimize the visual tools and resources for maximum impact.



## Highlights from the the first transnational meeting in Tallinn

Last month, we held our first face-to-face meeting with partners from **Estonia (the coordinator), Croatia and the Netherlands**. The meeting involved discussions on key project activities, dissemination, financial planning, and sustainability.

Partners also addressed project management, focusing heavily on defining the flow and structure of two main outputs: SkillVista platform and Visual methodology toolkit for adult educators working with vulnerable adults.

We also had the opportunity to observe daily practices used by EVPIT for soft skills development in intellectually disabled adults!

# PARTNER PROFILES



Like any good child, the Estonian Support League for People with Mental Disabilities has several names - **EVPIT**, Support League or simply **Vaimukad**.

EVPIT is an association of organisations supporting people with mental disabilities, established in 1990. The support association is necessary for people with mental disabilities and their parents as a place to get independent information and services and a channel to communicate their problems to authorities. We represent Estonian organisations dealing with people with mental disabilities in global and European organizations and pan-Estonian organizations.



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## What to expect next?

Currently, partners are identifying various visual aids that adult educators can use to enhance soft skills training for vulnerable adults. Next, we will begin focus groups with experts.

**Are you an adult educator working with vulnerable adults?**

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