

UPSKILLING PRESERVICE TEACHERS TO SUPPORT YOUNG CHILDREN WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER THROUGH DIGITAL SOCIAL STORIES

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NEWSLETTER

Empowering Future Teachers, Embracing Every Child



In-Depth Update on Higher **Education Course Development**

Looking Ahead



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Dear Colleagues,

The EARLY-ASD project is making strong progress in creating an innovative Higher Education (HE) course designed to equip educators with effective digital tools for supporting children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

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DETAILED UPDATES ON THE HE COURSE DEVELOPMENT

Module Preparation

Six thematic modules are being developed by partner institutions, covering:

Fundamentals of ASD and early intervention Digital social stories design principles Technology tools for creating and delivering social stories Case studies and practical applications in inclusive classrooms Assessment and adaptation strategies Cultural and linguistic adaptations for multi-country relevance

Collaborative Curriculum Design

COMU and MELLIS are coordinating the integration of these modules into a cohesive curriculum, ensuring pedagogical consistency and alignment with project objectives.

External Quality Assurance

An external expert panel has been appointed to review the curriculum for content accuracy, relevance, and applicability in diverse educational contexts.

Multilingual Access

Course materials will be available in English, with translations into Polish, Romanian, Spanish, and Turkish to maximize accessibility for educators in partner countries.

Pilot Preparation

We are organizing a pilot phase involving preschool and special education teachers who participated in our surveys. The pilot will test course usability, gather feedback, and allow refinement before wider rollout.



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The next phase will focus on finalizing course content, launching the pilot, and preparing dissemination materials to promote the course widely.

The EARLY-ASD project remains committed to improving educational outcomes for children with ASD by providing educators with practical, evidence-based digital resources.

Thank you for being part of this important initiative.

Warm regards,

The EARLY-ASD Team



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