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The Educate for Independence (ED4IND) project continues its mission to support young people aged 15–29 with mild intellectual impairments who are currently Not in Education, Employment, or Training (NEETs). Through collaborative efforts across Europe, the project focuses on building autonomy, reinforcing life skills, and creating new pathways for social and professional inclusion.

## Transnational Partner Meeting in Cuneo, Italy

On October 7th and 8th, the ED4IND consortium met in Cuneo, Italy, to align strategies, share progress, and plan the upcoming project phases. Hosted by IL RAMO, the meeting created a productive environment for collaboration, reflection, and inspiration.

A major focus of the discussions was the implementation of the Empowerment Workshops, a core activity of ED4IND, aimed at strengthening self-awareness, independence, and community participation among NEETs across partner countries. Partners exchanged methodologies, expectations, and practical approaches to ensure the workshops respond directly to the needs of participants.



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During the meeting, IL RAMO also organized study visits to two LEU centres in Vignolo and Boves, where the consortium explored inclusive training models and community-based learning environments. These visits highlighted inspiring best practices in social integration, personalised support, and skill development for young people with intellectual impairments. The insights gained will guide the implementation of similar initiatives throughout Europe.



## Empowerment Workshops Across Europe

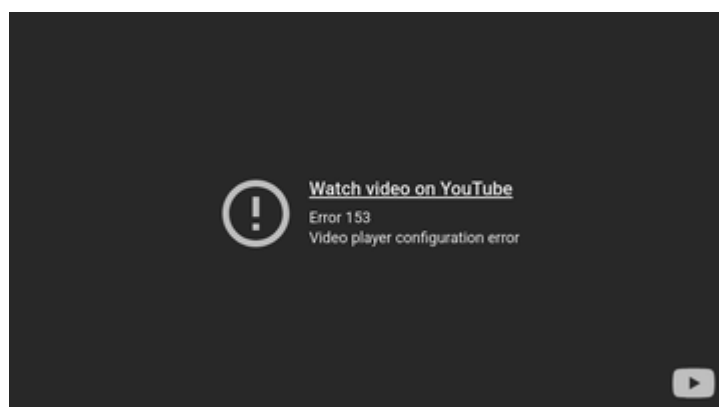
### GREECE - INNOVATION HIVE

In November, Innovation Hive officially launched its Empowerment Workshops in collaboration with PROSVASIS Creative Center in Larissa. Through interactive activities, group discussions, and guided reflections, participants engaged in topics linked to autonomy, emotional expression, personal strengths, self-confidence, and positive communication, essential elements for future independence.



Earlier in the month, Innovation Hive participated in the 16th Panhellenic Celebration of Breastfeeding and Motherhood, organised by the Panhellenic Network of Volunteer Groups for Breastfeeding and Motherhood Support, hosting a workshop focused on women returning to the labour market after maternity leave. As part of this action, the team also produced a satirical awareness video on gender-biased interview questions, a creative tool to spark dialogue and promote workplace equality.

Watch the video here 



### AUSTRIA - INTERAKTION

The Empowerment Workshop implemented in Austria was carried out successfully and in line with the objectives of the Educate for Independence project. Using interactive and accessible methods, the workshop actively engaged participants, supported them in recognising their strengths, exploring future pathways, and building self-confidence. Participation levels were high, and the overall atmosphere was positive, inclusive, and encouraging, demonstrating the effectiveness of the approach in supporting young people with mild intellectual impairments

## ITALY - APG23 & IL RAMO

In Italy, ED4IND activities were supported by APG23 and IL RAMO. APG23 organised a training workshop involving nearly forty participants, focusing on redefining “fragility” as a source of strength and emotional awareness. A key role-reversal activity, where staff were blindfolded and guided by participants with disabilities, fostered trust, leadership, and personal empowerment.

Alongside APG23, IL RAMO has also played a significant role in implementing the ED4IND workshops. Drawing on their practical experience and strong engagement with local NEET communities, IL RAMO has scheduled their final workshop for December, ensuring that the knowledge and insights gained throughout the project are meaningfully applied and continued.



## SPAIN-ABD

The workshop implemented in Spain through interactive, creative, and group-based activities that encouraged self-reflection, peer exchange, and empowerment. The approach fostered active participation, strengthened autonomy, and supported young people with intellectual disabilities in identifying opportunities for social and labour inclusion within their local community.

## Looking Ahead

As the workshops move forward across partner countries, ED4IND prepares for its next major project phase, piloting, evaluation, and scaling, ensuring that results lead to long-term, sustainable impact.

The project remains committed to:

- empowering NEETs with mild intellectual impairments
- promoting autonomy, dignity, and self-advocacy
- fostering community engagement and inclusion
- strengthening support systems across Europe

Through collective action, the ED4IND community continues building a future where independence is not just a goal; but a right accessible to all.

## Stay Connected

Follow the ED4IND journey, upcoming workshops, training activities, resources, and project results through our official platforms. More updates coming soon!

Together, we educate for independence, and empower for life.

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