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Launched in April 2021, this Erasmus+ KA2 Strategic partnership project entitled "*Distance-Digital Teaching and Learning in the Post-Covid-19 Era* - **Di2Learn**" aims to support schools to develop their own Distance Learning Action Plan. This project will lead to the modernization and the digital transformation of the schools involved, empowering their teachers through upskilling and re-skilling opportunities. These opportunities are based on the provision of professional development courses aimed at helping teachers design and deliver distance teaching, while also supporting students to proceed with distance learning.

As part of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Intellectual Output the VIRTUAL Di2LEARN ACADEMY FOR TEACHERS-STUDENTS-PARENTS was developed, which is an interactive platform and a mobile app to support all actors (teachers-students-parents) to make a high-quality shift from F2F teaching to distance learning. The platform includes the interactive mapping tool, the triple first aid Di2Learn tool kit, the e-Di2Learn Readiness tool, an e-Di2Learn Network and the Mobile App. The Mobile App can be used to support all the participants with scheduled motivational messages and/or videos. For more details, visit the website: <u>VIRTUAL Di2LEARN ACADEMY</u>

Currently the consortium is working on the 4<sup>th</sup> Intellectual Output, IO4 - **THE Di2LEARN PHSYICAL AND VIRTUAL ACADEMY: GETTING THE NEW Di2LEARN MENTORS READY**. The aims of IO4 are:

- to organise the first **CLUSTER OF MENTORS**, the Professional Development Training
- to design, develop and use the **CAMPAIGN** in support of the modernization and digital transformation of formal education
- to promote the setting up of the **DISTANCE LEARNING ACADEMY** in each partner country and exploitation of the project and to **TRAIN THE DI2LEARN MENTORS-AMBASSADORS TEACHERS-STUDENTS-PARENTS**
- to prepare the **STRATEGY PACK** for upscaling, transferability, exploitation

The project results will be tested at national level in each partners country, by creating local project academies which will be promoted thanks to national campaigns. The project's work focuses on the shift from theory to practice, all products, pedagogical methods, guidelines, platform, tools and resources to support schools, teachers, learners etc. will be reviewed, revised, tested.

Firstly, as part of the **TRAIN THE TRAINER COURSES FOR Di2LEARN MENTOR**, all Partners need to provide the piloting with 3 target groups:

- teachers: organizing a professional development course to teachers-school leaders-supporting school staff who will take the role of **Di2LEARN MENTORS-AMBASSADORS** and will guide other teachers in the provision of efficient and high-quality distance learning to school students
- students: 2 workshops with students (middle and secondary schools), Di2LEARN MENTOR-AMBASSADOR
- parents: 2 workshops with parents in order to support them to become **MENTORS** for other parents.

In next step as part of the Promotion campaign 7 videos will developed by the partnership about the piloting conducted in each country that will be used during the campaign together with the podcasts prepared last summer during the LTTA activities.

More details on project website and on project social media pages soon!

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