

Dear colleagues, friends and partners from all over Europe,

Welcome to our 1st Project Newsletter! The Erasmus+ Strategic Partnership **Art4Inc** officially started in November 2017. In the following two years, seven partner institutions, and an associated one, from all over Europe will work together to reach the project's objective – **to use a unique blend of different artistic disciplines to develop bespoke training resources that support key competence acquisition among the growing migrant communities in Europe.** This, and the following Newsletters will inform you on the project's process, results and events on a regular basis. We hope you enjoy reading this first edition and perhaps, you will gain inspiration for your own work! Please do not hesitate to contact us if you want to learn more about our project. We are looking forward to hearing from you!

Best wishes

Your **Art4Inc** project team

What is Art4Inc about?

Art4inc was developed in response to the challenges facing adult educators who are working with an ever increasing number of marginalised people, in particular migrants and refugees. Educators are the key enablers to support these communities on an educational journey to the highly valued key competencies that are essential for social inclusion and personal fulfilment. Yet many frontline staff working in community programmes lack sufficient training to help build the key competences of their target groups, and adequately address linguistic, social and cultural barriers.

What does Art4Inc do?

Art4Inc will use the ancient artistic disciplines of storytelling, music and drama to develop bespoke training resources that support adult educators in engaging with the acquisition of the key competencies among migrant and refugee groups and other marginalised communities of Europe.

What will Art4Inc achieve?

1. The creation of an in-service training course to support adult education staff in using artistic disciplines to develop key competences within the refugee and asylum seeker.
2. The preparation of a digital toolbox of pedagogic resources using the different artistic disciplines.
3. The launch of a bespoke, multi-lingual e-learning platform.
4. The publication of a scientific paper capturing the learning within the framework of the project and making key recommendations for future developments.

Who are Art4Inc partners?

Art4Inc consortium comprises seven partners and one associated partner. All together seven Member States are represented: Germany (2), Ireland, Romania, Spain, Czech Republic, Finland and Switzerland (as an associated partner institution).



What have already done?

In November 2017, it took place in Santander (Spain) the first kick-off meeting for two days. The consortium met for first time and had the opportunity to get to know each other, to talk about the project objectives and activities and, to start planning the working tasks for all partners. After a fruitful discussions, exchanging knowledge and sharing experiences, the partners agreed on the tasks to work on it. In this kick-off meeting, the General Director of VET Ms Maria Jesus Reimat, from Regional Ministry of Education in Cantabria welcomed all the partners; it was also time to visit Centro Botín, an arts centre designed by Renzo Piano, located in a privileged part of Santander and uses a broader urban intervention to integrate the city centre and the historic Pereda Gardens with the Bay.

What is coming next?

Set up national stakeholders groups to support Art4Inc on the long-term. This group will be integrated by representatives of the main target groups: adult educator trainers, migrant support workers, researchers, and migrants.

Needs analysis and research, with desk based research and semi structured interviews.

How can you connect with Art4Inc?

If you would like to join the stakeholder groups please contact the partner in your home country or the project coordinator for further information.

If you are trainer in adult education or migrant support worker and you are interested in developing and/or delivering the Art4Inc training, please contact the partner in your home country.

Visit our website: <https://www.art4inc.eu/> and join our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/art4inc/>



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