



## The launch of SUSTAINABLE SERVICE IN DS

The SSinDS European Consortium announces the launch of the Project **INVOLVING PERSONS WITH DOWN SYNDROME IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS THROUGH SERVICE LEARNING (SUSTAINABLE SERVICE IN DS - SSinDS)**

This innovative blended training project has been launched in order:

- to make people with Down syndrome to be active actors in the implementation of SDG and not merely beneficiaries;
- to increase the engagement of people with Down syndrome with their local communities, social inclusion and visibility as useful and capable members of the civil society;
- to transfer knowledge and tools to support people in how to be involved in the SDG and to cooperate with people with Down syndrome;
- to strengthen the cooperation between organizations working for and with people with Down syndrome and other social stakeholders in order to commonly address problems affecting the local communities.

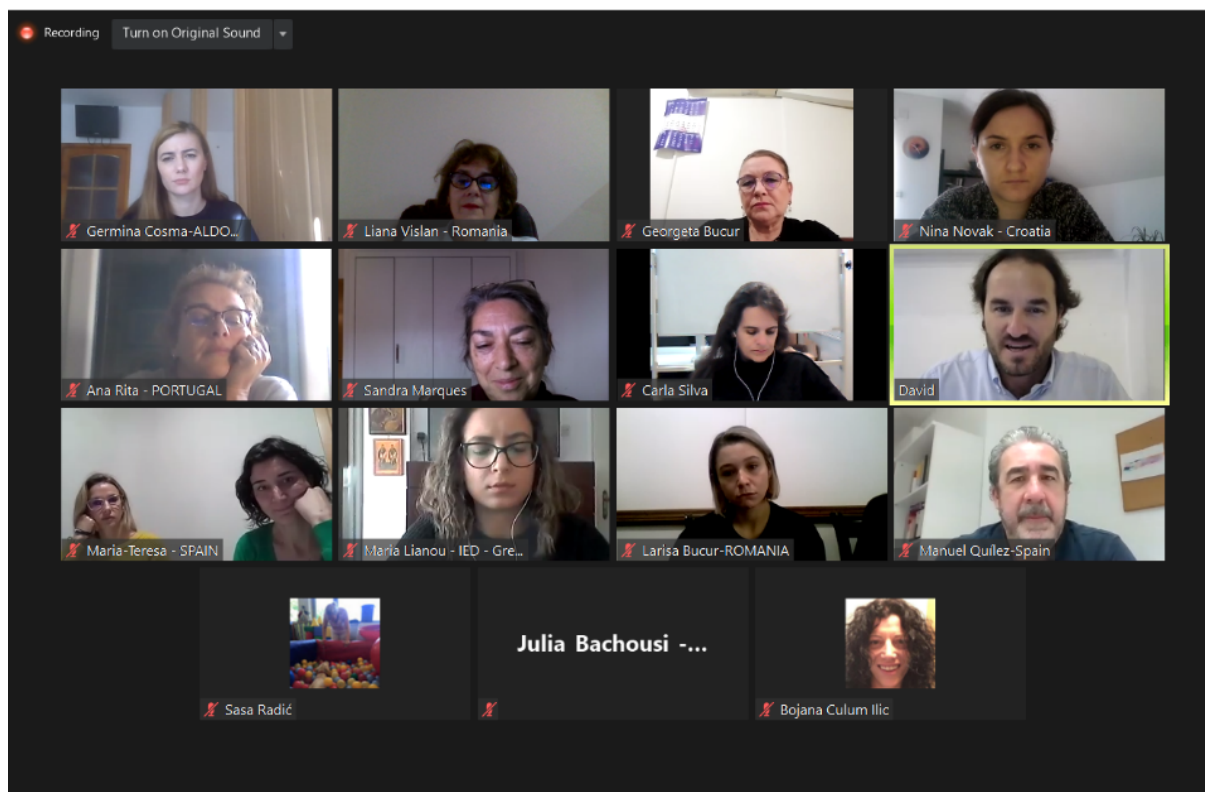


8 entities from 5 European countries have embarked on this sustainable development journey towards inclusion through service learning. This journey supports the work of the ASOCIATIA LANGDON DOWN OLTENIA CENTRUL EDUCATIONAL TEODORA, ALDO-CET Bailesti, Romania as a leader in the implementation of the SSinDS, in partnership with:

- four NGOs working in the field of Down Syndrome: ASOCIATIA DOWN PLUS Bucharest, Romania; FUNDACIÓN ASINDOWN Valencia, Spain, FEDERACAO NACIONAL DE COOPERATIVAS DE SOLIDARIEDADE SOCIAL COOPERATIVA FCRL FENACERCI Lisbon, Portugal, and HRVATSKA UDRUGA RADNIH TERAPEUTA HURT Zagreb, Croatia;
- UNIVERSITY OF RIJECI, FILOZOFSKI FAKULTET U RIJECI Croatia as an expert in service learning;
- COORDINA ORGANIZACIÓN DE EMPRESAS Y RECURSOS HUMANOS, S.L. Valencia, Spain as an expert in Sustainable Development Goals;
- INSTITUTE OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT LARISSA, Greece as an expert in the development of ICT Tools adapted to persons with disabilities.

The SSinDS European Consortium is working from November 2020 to October 2022 as a hub of inclusive practice in Europe ensuring access of people with Down syndrome to healthy lives, happier communities and stronger nations for sustainable development.

18 professionals and parents began the first step of Sustainable Service in DS Project.



During the 25th and 26th of November 2020, the Kick-Off Meeting of the European Project Sustainable Service in DS took place online, aiming to launch and to promote **active participation of people with Down syndrome in the implementation of Sustainable Development Goals and to increase their capabilities and social inclusion in their own communities.**

Issues such as the development of an adapted training scheme, aspects of the structure to follow, theoretical contents and practical activities were discussed and planned, all to ensure the involvement of 100 persons in the Validation Pilot Actions. Furthermore, 14 persons with Down syndrome will participate in TRANSNATIONAL TRAINING ACTIVITIES.

The diagram consists of two parts. The top part shows three overlapping circles: 'PEOPLE' (top), 'PLANET' (bottom right), and 'PROFIT' (bottom left). The central intersection is labeled 'SUSTAINABILITY'. The bottom part shows a circular flow diagram with 'PURPOSE' at the top, 'PEOPLE' on the right, 'PLANET' on the left, and 'PROFIT' at the bottom. The center of this circle is labeled 'IMPACT'.

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SUSTAINABILITY refers, by definition, to the *satisfaction of current needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet theirs, guaranteeing the balance between economic growth, care for the environment and social welfare.*

From here the idea of **SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT** was born, as that *mode of progress that maintains that delicate balance today, without endangering tomorrow's resources.*

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