

EDU MAP:

EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION

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Teachers and students are experiencing problems that ruin work rhythm, made even worse by the COVID-19 pandemic. At the top of these, there is **addiction**. According to the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA), about 96 million people in the EU or **29% of the adult population** (age range 15-64) **are trying illegal drugs** at some point in their lives.

Aim of the project:

The EDU MAP project **aims to prepare and train school teachers** in recognizing addiction and be well-informed on what steps to take next.

Project results:

- R1:** Reference handbook for substance abuse,
- R2:** Educational supportive videos for school teachers,
- R3:** Guidebook to define psychological symptoms of substance abuse.
- R4:** Guidebook to define social symptoms of substance abuse.
- R5:** Preventive substance abuse education online toolkit for teachers.



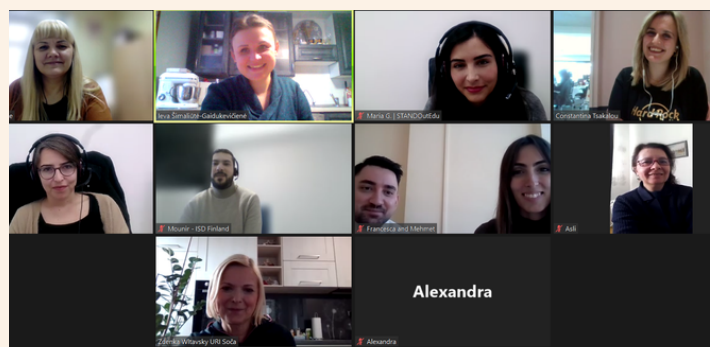
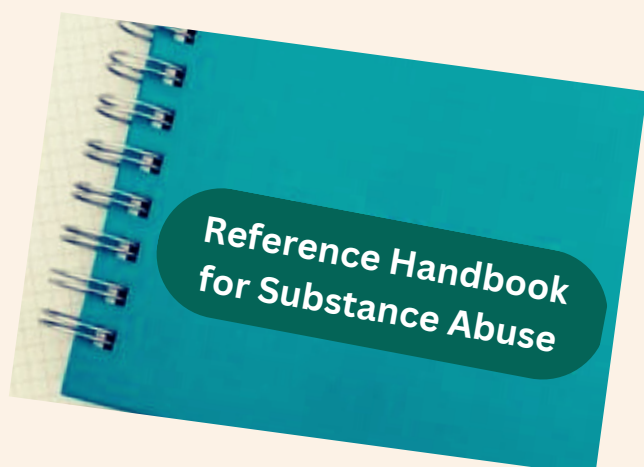
7th Project Partner Meeting

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The 7th meeting of the partners **provided an update on the Project Results (PR) completed** and outlined the steps to be taken in order to complete the remaining tasks. As of now, PR1 and PR2 have been successfully completed, while PR 3 and PR4 are proceeding smoothly. Finally the partners have scheduled their next meeting for February 17th.

Project Result 1

As a result of this first project, a **Reference Handbook for Substance Abuse** was developed. This is an **essential tool** for teachers to accompany them in **sharing their methodology** and **providing guidelines for teacher involvement**, concentrating on prevention and providing a comprehensive approach to substance abuse. A wealth of valuable information can be found in this handbook, which ranges from the causes of addiction to the forms of treatment and it is available in English and the translated versions of the partners' language.



Project Result 2

As a result of PR2 the partners developed 4 educational videos addressed to school teachers, aiming to inform, inspire and engage them in learning more about the topic, and to gain the right knowledge to transfer it to the students. The videos use creative and imaginative content to catch the teacher's attention.

The voice-over is available in all the national languages of the partners.



Next Steps

The partners discussed the methodology for completing PR3, **an innovative educational resource** which will serve as a guide for primary, secondary and high school level teachers and managers in identifying psychological symptoms of substance abuse. The 3rd PR will focus on the **psychological effects of drug abuse** and is scheduled for completion by mid-February. There are six chapters in the book, each covering a different topic.

In addition, partners are currently working on the literature review for PR4, which is also expected to be completed by the middle of February.