Mobile Training for Home and Health Caregiver For People with Disabilities and Older People
General information

• Leonardo Da Vinci
  – Multilateral Projects for Development of innovation
  – 75% EU Grant from European Commission, Lifelong learning programme

• Project duration
  – 01 January 2014 - 31 December 2015

• Target groups:
  – Low qualified workers or jobseeker
  – People with disabilities and older people (beneficiaries)
  – VET and employment centres

• Beneficiaries
  – People with disabilities (PwD)
Project consortium

• Gazi University (Turkey) – project coordinator
• PhoenixKM BVBA (Belgium)
• Interprojects (Bulgaria)
• Min. of Fam. & Soc. Policy, General Dir. of Serv. for E & PwD (Turkey)
• University of Athens (Greece)
• Europäischer Verband Beruflicher Bildungsträger (Germany)
The story

- **Age and disability are strongly correlated**: An estimated 45 million people in Europe (15% of the EU population) have a long-standing health problem or disability (LSHPD). 70% of them will be over 60 by 2020.

- Elderly and people with disabilities (PwD) and especially those with mobility & sensory impairment depend considerably on Personal Caregivers (PCGs).

- **Personal assistance is in fact key for the self-determination of PwDs**. Estimates put the total size of people in need of a PCG at 1% of all people with disabilities, so a real need of 450,000 European citizens.

- PCGs need to have a **variety of skills** (nursing and first aid qualifications, personal care, etc.).

- While this assistance is crucial in ensuring a daily quality of life (assisting with basic tasks such as getting dressed, eating, taking a bath/shower), it is still **quantitatively and qualitatively a huge problem**.

- Few people are qualified to become a PCG, and in fact such education/training is **basically non existent in EU countries, and on VET level**.

- **Most PCGs are low qualified**, and mostly have to be trained on the field without any formal training, thus making it a very laborious and a tricky "adventure" for the core beneficiaries: people with disabilities and older people.
Main aims

• Ensure that local VET centres can offer an adequate PCG training anywhere anytime,

• for low-skilled people (without jobs), or people that want to extend their service provision (independent nurses, care workers, etc.),

• using innovative ICT based approaches i.e. mobile and web2.0 enabled online learning environments that embed video, animations, audio, but also textual training format,

• while including hands-on practicing.
Expected outcomes

- a dedicated **PCG curriculum and relevant training material** for different disabilities (including those associated with aging), applicable in every country in the EU and beyond, provided under a creative commons license (so "free") and in accordance with transparency of qualifications and competences and ECVET;

- an **innovative online and mobile training platform, with a gaming component** that will allow for an interactive learning experience anytime anywhere (PC, smartphone and tablet PC -both Android- based online learning platform/application), multilingual, and following the Open Source approach (so "free"), provided freely to VET centres and stakeholders;

- **piloting with end-users** (low skilled people, care workers) and beneficiaries (PwD and older people) in Belgium, Bulgaria, Germany and Turkey;

- an M-CARE **portal** that will bring together relevant information and services on PA, as well as will host a **community for PCG trainers, learners and beneficiaries**.
More information

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