



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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