



Image 1 - A team meeting

Funded by the Erasmus+ Programme, the new KA2 project “Quality Standard for distance Apprenticeship for Disability-QSA4Disability” aims to PROMOTE A MORE INCLUSIVE APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMME FOR DEAF and HARD OF HEARING VET STUDENTS (14-18 age) in Europe through designing and releasing of a QUALITY STANDARD FOR DISTANCE APPRENTICESHIP.

The **Training of Trainers for the QSA4Disability project** was held online from March 26-28, 2025, bringing together around 40 participants. The goal was to introduce the project's tools and outcomes, focused on improving distance apprenticeships for people with disabilities.

The training opened with an introduction to the project's goals, the participating partner organizations, and the broader needs the project seeks to address. The rest of the first day provided an initial exploration of the project tools, offering an overview of the complete toolkit.

On the second day, the focus shifted to working hands-on with several of the key project outputs (videos, e-questionnaires, and protocols). Group work and presentations helped participants become familiar with these resources. Later sessions introduced the project's digital badges and explored how they could be used within various educational or organizational settings.

The final day was dedicated to demonstrating the QSA4Disability e-platform and discussing practical strategies for integrating all the tools within participants' own institutions. Through group discussions, questions and answers, and exploration of use cases, the training emphasized the real-world application of the project's materials. The event concluded with a session focused on building ongoing professional connections and sustaining the network formed through this initiative.



Image 2 - The project Train the Trainers Activity



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Training and Awareness Activities in European Companies for the Inclusion of Deaf People

European companies are increasingly implementing training and awareness activities to promote the inclusion of deaf people. While around 51 million working-age individuals in the EU have disabilities, only about half are employed, and data on deaf workers remains scarce. Initiatives such as disability awareness training, sign language courses, reasonable accommodations, and mentorship programs are helping create more inclusive workplaces.

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Image 3 - A team in office

What are the next steps?

In the last 6 months, the Consortium will:

- Finalise and release the project **e-SPACE**, to be used in approaching apprenticeship and during its implementation to communicate and check its progress. It is an online and interactive training space
 - where project results are available,
 - to be used directly in the preliminary Apprenticeship training process (acting as e-learning platform) and during the apprenticeship to monitor it,
 - where project target groups could exchange their needs before, during and after an apprenticeship experience.
- Launch a **COMMUNITY OF PRACTICES** based on virtual and local HUBS, Local Workshops and Campaigns, and an EU Policy Recommendation.

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Image 4 - Silhouettes of workers

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