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TECHNICAL DETAILS

Project Name: EU3Digital. Developing a strategic European framework for digital competences for adult education organisations
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The main goal of the EU3Digital is **to empower Third Social Sector (TSS) organisations through digitalization**. EU3Digital will develop a European Framework of Digital Competences (FDC) for Third Social Sector organisations and social enterprise leaders and professionals. The project will also promote online & offline training materials for professionals to assess their digital skills, and gather pre-existing training materials on TSS competences through an open-access online Knowledge Centre. EU3Digital will share its learnings in a Policy Paper, presenting to the European Commission what is important to know about digital skills in the European third sector.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

- Develop a **European Framework of Digital Competences** defining the skills, knowledge and attitudes of Third Social Sector and social enterprise professionals.
- Create an open and public access **Knowledge Centre** with training materials and innovative resources in digital skills and competences for the European Third Social Sector.
- Test **2 pilots** (online and offline) enhancing skills and competences development of Third Social Sector and social enterprise professionals, providing a tested teaching model for third sector digital skills.
- Develop a **strategic partnership** among key organisations for digital skills and competences in Europe
- Build **capacity for dynamic and swift adjustment** of the Third Social Sector to major societal changes, using digital tools & skills
- Translate **research findings into policy advice** to the European Commission and other relevant stakeholders to inform about initiatives for developing digital skills and competences in Europe's Third Social Sector.

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MAIN ACTIVITIES

- Creation of the **Framework of competences** for digital skills for adult education organizations. The framework will be developed based on extensive research on digital needs and skills in the Third Social Sector through questionnaires and focus groups in 5 EU countries (Spain, Netherlands, UK, Portugal and Croatia)
- Creation of a **Kit of tools and methodologies** for Third Social Sector Organisations & Social Enterprises to build customized contingency plans that promote effective inter-sectoral collaboration
- **Curricula design and assessment of training**: design and development of effective instructional programs which will include activities, both online and offline
- **6 Short-term joint staff training events**: Exchange training and assessment of digital skills. Pilot training will be conducted across the partner countries (Spain, Netherlands, UK, Portugal and Croatia)
- Creation of the **Policy Paper | Digital Support for Social Impact**: how digital competences can improve the action and impact on the third sector
- **Final Event**: EU3Digital Conference in the Hague.

IMPACTS AND RESULTS

The main expected results are:

- Increased value and sustainability of third sector initiatives.
- Improved access to digital tools and dissemination of good practices and resources.
- Increased perceived value and effective application of digital competencies in the European third sector.
- Empowered, strengthened and intersectional aligned action of the Third Sector as a whole.
- More efficient and integrated advocacy for digital inclusion in the Third Sector.

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